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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Obvious Course

HONGKONG went back to a daily supply of water yesterday after three weeks of what must be described as fairly strict and, in the case of some people, harsh rationing. But there should be no criticism of the Water Authority's conservative outlook just as there should be no misgivings that it is now to permit a greater outflow from the reservoirs to the extent of four to six million gallons a day more.

The Colony can approve its flexible approach to rationing and its ability to make adjustments to the supply arrangements whenever possible, even to take risks. But while one is naturally careful to underline the need to avoid excessive usage now or at any time, and to condemn waste, the "risk" that Mr. Bowring spoke of on Saturday does not at the moment appear to be a great one.

GOVERNMENT is in a position to know at what point the emergency restrictions—if the one-waterless day system may be so described—should be restored, if necessary. Granted the mainland reservoirs appear to be at a surprisingly low level, but the streams are now pouring a fairly steady flow of water into them and with the ground in a fairly sodden state, one substantial fall of six inches on the mainland should be sufficient to remove the threat of drought for the summer.

This assumes, of course, that the Shing Mun reservoir will benefit. This is not too much to hope for. Indeed the Colony must consider itself extremely fortunate if there is only one heavy fall of rain this summer. In fact, it is almost impossible to imagine. But if there is a risk that the right kind of rain does not materialize soon, is it not fair and indeed more logical to weigh the other possibility, as Government has done, and hope for a turn for the better, if not the best?

At the other end of the argument, if the worse comes to the worse, and very little more rain falls, the saving of even 100 million gallons in the next month is not going to make the drought and the consequent hardship very much less inevitable. And in that event we have not much to lose. So Government has taken what is to our minds the obvious course.

Refugees

IN its weekend plea to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Chinese Refugee International Council is doing no more than jogging dilatory memories in Geneva. It asks for a decision—long overdue—on the Hambro report. And what UNREF must decide soon—and the sooner the better—is whether to approach the problem of Hongkong's 700,000 Chinese refugees realistically or else dodge the issue by taking cover behind a shield of legal technicalities.

PLANE DROPS MIGHTY H-BOMB

"Magnificent And Appalling Spectacle"

VIVID DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPLOSION

Aboard USS Mt. McKinley, May 21.
The first hydrogen bomb ever dropped by the US Air Force burst over Bikini before dawn today with the brilliance of a thousand suns and the power of 10 million tons of TNT.

The bomb was unleashed by an eight-jet B-52 inter-continental bomber from an altitude of about 50,000 feet as the bombardier peered through his sight at an illuminated bulls-eye on tiny Namu Island.

A minute later it exploded at about 10,000 feet, sending the predawn blackness with a sheet of dazzling light followed by a cosmic thunderclap.

As a spectacle, this historic airburst was at once magnificent and appalling.

Fifteen newsmen and 16 civil defence observers aboard this ship 39 land miles from the explosion were momentarily stunned by the brilliance of the light and the magnitude of the fireball.

These observers had been expected to witness the big shot since May 8 as capricious winds threatened to wait the deadly radioactive shower over the Marshall group south of here.

The Task Force leaders went to extremes to avoid a repetition of the 1954 incident when a boatload of Japanese fishermen and a number of US servicemen and islanders were caught in the fallout.

Thirty minutes after the burst, a beautiful pink and peach cloud had soared toward a maximum height of 25 miles. Like a vast wedge of cauliflower, its top spread laterally toward a maximum of 100 miles—seeming to tower over this observer ship.

But it was that first flash of light accompanied by an instantaneous heat that symbolized the bomb's weird, unearthly power.

This was elemental nuclear force—the same kind of force that energizes the sun and the stars and all the galaxies.

When the observers put on their nearly opaque goggles one minute before shot time, the night was pitch dark except for a sprinkling of stars. A dark mass of cloud obscured a portion of the horizon in the direction of Namu.

A tape recorded voice, triggered by radio as the bomb plunged silently down from its nest in the B-52, began a mechanical count down 10 seconds before the blast.

Precisely at zero it seemed as though a sun had exploded in the heavens.

Unearthly Light

The unearthly light seemed to fill the universe, making the dark goggles painfully transparent and making the black water of the Pacific as bright as polished silver.

The light was not on the face and on hands gripping the ship's rail.

As suddenly as it flashed this super-solar light disappeared to be followed in a split second by the fireball.

While the light lasted, the temperature at its core was in hundreds of millions of degrees. In a thousandth of a second, the fireball began surging from a point in space to a mammoth incandescent globe at least three miles in diameter.

At its maximum, according to the experts, the surface temperature of this fiery ball was more than 13,000 degrees. The initial heat flash would have exposed skin 15 miles away.

Simultaneously with the expansion of the fireball it began to rise off the horizon while surging upward from below appeared the giant stalk of the now-forming bomb cloud.

This stalk was a violent red at first, changing slowly to rose and pink as it erupted skyward bearing hundreds of thousands of tons of Namu's vaporized coral sand mingled with other tons of water sucked up from the sea and lagoon.

The fireball itself lasted several seconds. As it subsided, the cloud stem shot toward the stratosphere, piercing a fat rain cloud like a giant spear.

When it reappeared above the cloud, it had expanded into the mushroom shape—trade mark of the atomic age—that grew furiously a second.

Two minutes after the burst, the mushroom was shouldering into the clear sky, passing the 30,000 foot mark and fading in colour to rose, cerise and a sort of electric violet.

The shock wave sped the intervening miles in two minutes and 53 seconds and washed across the Task Force ships with a rushing sound like a squadron of invisible jets were passing overhead. It hit the ears of watchers with an almost painful pressure that last for several seconds.

The shock was accompanied by a roll of thunder like the voice of an angry god.

Speeds To Safety

Experts estimated that anybody within a thousand miles of Namu would have seen the flash two hours before looking in the right direction. The cloud was visible for at least 100 miles.

The bomb, first hydrogen weapon ever delivered by the US Air Force, was unleashed by a B-52 pointed a ghostly white to reflect the terrible heat it was to turn loose.

As the bomb burst, the plane, nicknamed the Barbara Grace, was speeding to safety about 15 miles away. Although the escape maneuver of the atomic bomber was secret, observers could assume the big plane would cut loose the bomb, when in a diving turn to race to safety at near supersonic speed.

The plane, which took off from Eniwetok airstrip, more than two hours before the drop, made several preliminary runs over the Namu aiming point to check wind and drift.

The commander of the plane making the historic drop was Maj. David M. Critchlow, 30, of Sacramento, California.

Some 35 aircraft, including the drop plane, participated in today's test explosion and Rear-Adm. B. Hall Hannon, Task Force Commander, reported that all of them "went away clean."

Fists Shaken At Lord Lloyd

Aden, May 20.
Hundreds of Arabs shook their fists and shouted anti-British slogans today when Lord Lloyd, the British Parliamentary Secretary for the Colonies, left for British Somaliland leaving behind a Colony convinced that Britain intends to stay.

Businessmen in Aden port, one of the world's busiest, were relieved at Lord Lloyd's firm statement to the legislature on Saturday that Britain will not give up her responsibilities in this Colony.

They feel that there will be a return of the confidence that dwindled with the recent strikes and the growth of Arab nationalist groups.—Reuters.

Drifting Yacht Sinks After Collision

New York, May 20.
The helplessly drifting crippled yacht, Escape II, collided with a tanker and sank in the East River today while thousands of persons watched from the shore.

Police said one of six persons aboard the 32-foot cabin cruiser died despite the efforts of a doctor aboard a rescue vessel to revive her.

Attempt On Eden's Life Feared

GUARDED BY ARMED POLICE

London, May 20.
Scotland Yard today issued pistols to British policemen for the first time since the Irish Republican trouble in the 1920s, in swift security measures to head off feared Cypriot assassination attempts.

Uniformed police in Britain do not normally carry firearms. But Scotland Yard issued out pistols following reports that Cypriot extremists might try to avenge the execution of two extremist gunmen in Cyprus two weeks ago.

It was feared an attempt might be made against the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, and members of his Cabinet.

A special 12-man squad had been issued with firearms. It was reported today, Ministers in London and in the country on holiday were guarded closely.

Bulging Pocket

One policeman stood outside No. 10 Downing Street wearing a loose blue raincoat in spite of the bright sun. The pocket bulged with the shape of an automobile pistol.

Extra guards watched the Prime Minister's residence from Horse Guards Parade behind Downing Street. Another squad through the house's walled rose garden.

Sir Anthony and Lady Eden were spending the weekend at their cottage in Wiltshire. Police cars patrolled the roads leading to the country residence.

The Prime Minister and Lady Eden did not attend church services in the village today.

Other special armed police were guarding the houses of other Ministers in London. Special flying squads were reported standing by in case of trouble.—United Press.

2 DIE IN FIRE

Hannover, May 20.
Two persons were killed and 14 seriously injured when a tourist lodge burned down last night in Lüneburg, in the Solling forest northwestern Germany. It was burned today. The lodge was completely destroyed by the fire in less than an hour. Occupants of the 18 rooms, who were sleeping when the fire broke out, escaped the flames.—United Press.

RACE TRACK DISASTER

4 Killed, 21 Injured

Chimay, Belgium, May 20.

Two speeding autos locked wheels on a race track curve and plunged into the screaming crowd today in motor racing's worst spectator disaster since 82 died at Le Mans one year ago.

Police reported at least four persons killed and 21 injured seriously enough to require hospital treatment in the flaming wreckage.

Both drivers, trying for Belgium's "grand prize of the frontiers" escaped with their lives—one dragged free of his blazing wreck by onlookers who suffered severe burns in the rescue.

And the race went on, just like the June 11, 1955 disaster at Le Mans. The Le Mans disaster killed 82 and injured between 100 and 180 persons. Two cars collided at high speed and smashed the inadequate protective barrier plunging in flames into the spectators.

It happened again today at Chimay, a little village in the Ardennes forest of eastern Belgium barely five miles away from France.

The "Grand Prix des Frontiers" had just been flagged off and the races were roaring along at mid-speed in the usual scramble for rail position.

Up loomed the well-known Sales Bend, a sharp and narrow speed trap a few hundred yards down from the starting line.

Charles H. Threlfall of Britain, driving a Bristol, and Switzerland's Callet, aboard an Italian Maserati, picked each other out as potential challengers and gunned into the curve abreast.

A policeman among the crowd at the bend—hadn't he told them to slow down?

"They were racing neck and neck around the bend when their wheels seemed to lock and they went into a long skid," Callet's car appeared to catch fire and plunged into the crowd, dragging the Englishman's car with it.

"The cars threw protective brines of straw aside and there were yells and screams as flaming gasoline and pieces of the Swiss car spread among the crowd," he said.—United Press.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"	By "The Turf"
RACE 1 Cover Girl Atomie Caesar Free Success Outsider: Dutch Courage.	RACE 1 Atomic Caesar Free Success Cover Girl Outsider: Invincible.
RACE 2 Evergreen Lodde Monk Penny Outsider: Spanish Fan.	RACE 2 Evergreen Lodde Spanish Fan Outsider: Turt Heroine.
RACE 3 Good Girl Attractive Power Easy Slam Outsider: Begonia.	RACE 3 Good Girl Attractive Power Marine Charger Outsider: Begonia.
RACE 4 Thunder Sky Quizette Rowanglen Outsider: First Lady.	RACE 4 Green Velvet Quizette Rowanglen Outsider: First Lady.
RACE 5 Sultan Flying Dutchman Ma Cherie Outsider: Hammer Mill.	RACE 5 Matador Sultan Hammer Mill Outsider: Marianne.
RACE 6 How Do I Know Full Ahead Every Day Outsider: Easy Money.	RACE 6 Full Ahead How Do I Know Bengal Lancer Outsider: Easy Money.
RACE 7 Chessington Diana Fighting Spirit Outsider: Santa Maria.	RACE 7 Chessington Diana Fighting Spirit Outsider: Amusement.
RACE 8 Phoenix Tonyber Chinese Mackerel Outsider: Never Forget.	RACE 8 Phoenix Gladiolus Chinese Mackerel Outsider: Bashful Beauty II.
RACE 9 Bluegrass City of Victoria The Cherub Outsider: Sincerely Yours.	RACE 9 Bluegrass City of Victoria Norma King Outsider: The Cherub.
RACE 10 Carola Kelpie Mak Siller Outsider: Caravelle.	RACE 10 Carola Mak Siller Chryselle Outsider: Escalator.
RACE 11 Lure Triomphe Tom Thumb John Halifax Outsider: Super-King.	RACE 11 Tom Thumb Lure Triomphe Super-King Outsider: Sportmanship.
RACE 12 Golden Branch Resurrection Babeie Outsider: Knock-Down.	RACE 12 Raja Johnber Golden Branch Outsider: Resurrection.

TODAY'S TEASER TIP
for the 8th race
You don't have very far to look to find it.
Saturday's teaser tip was Happy Warrior which was unplaced.

Hefty Schoolgirls Attack British Soldiers

Nicosia, May 20.
A band of hefty Cypriot girls in gym suits challenged British soldiers to a pitched battle today and the gallant soldiers retired in blushing defeat.

The Tumbler had loaded sub-machine guns, Billy clubs and tear gas. But their gallantry was swifter than their valor and they took a rain of blows from fist-swinging, club-tossing and stone-throwing school girls without fighting back.

Some of the girls were as big and muscular as the teen-aged British drafties they tried to battle outside the Museum Street girls school.

It was no one-sided that an order finally was given to fire tear gas. But the girls were ready. Reinforcements rushed out with buckets of sand and another the gas grenades.

There were no tears from these girls.

Dozens of girls between 13 and 17 years old massed in their blue skirts and white blouses.

On their Sunday holiday outside the front door of the school. When a British patrol came along they opened up hurling stones, bricks and bottles.

Helpless
The patrol was helpless. Soldiers refused to fire on the girls. The missiles continued flying until reinforcements arrived.

United Press correspondent Douglas Grant reported that only the arrival of more jeep loads of troops saved him from a beating at the girls' hands. One attacked Grant, a six-footer, with a big piece of fire wood.

Finally outnumbered, the girls retreated back into the school yard, shouting "go home, you criminals" "go home, prostitutes."

Troops and British police returned to the school this afternoon and arrested fourteen of the girls.

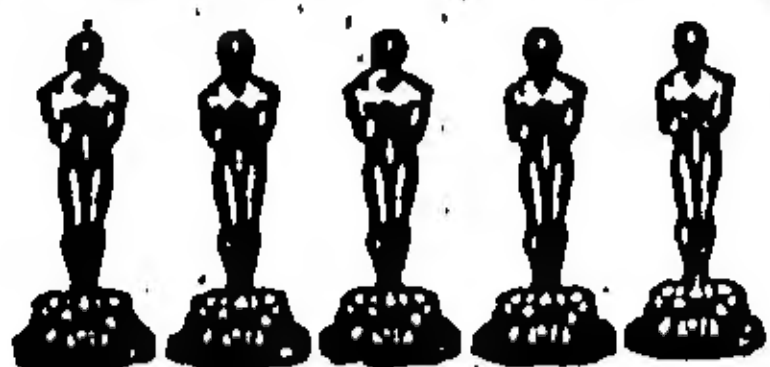
The girls may turn out to be a secret weapon for the anti-British underground here. They proved in one attack that the British would not fire on supposedly defenseless girls.

There was talk among military authorities here that the British underground here, gas grenades with dye bombs that would ruinously stain a Sunday dress. Officers said that might send the girls home if the extremists follow up with more Amazon attacks.—United Press.

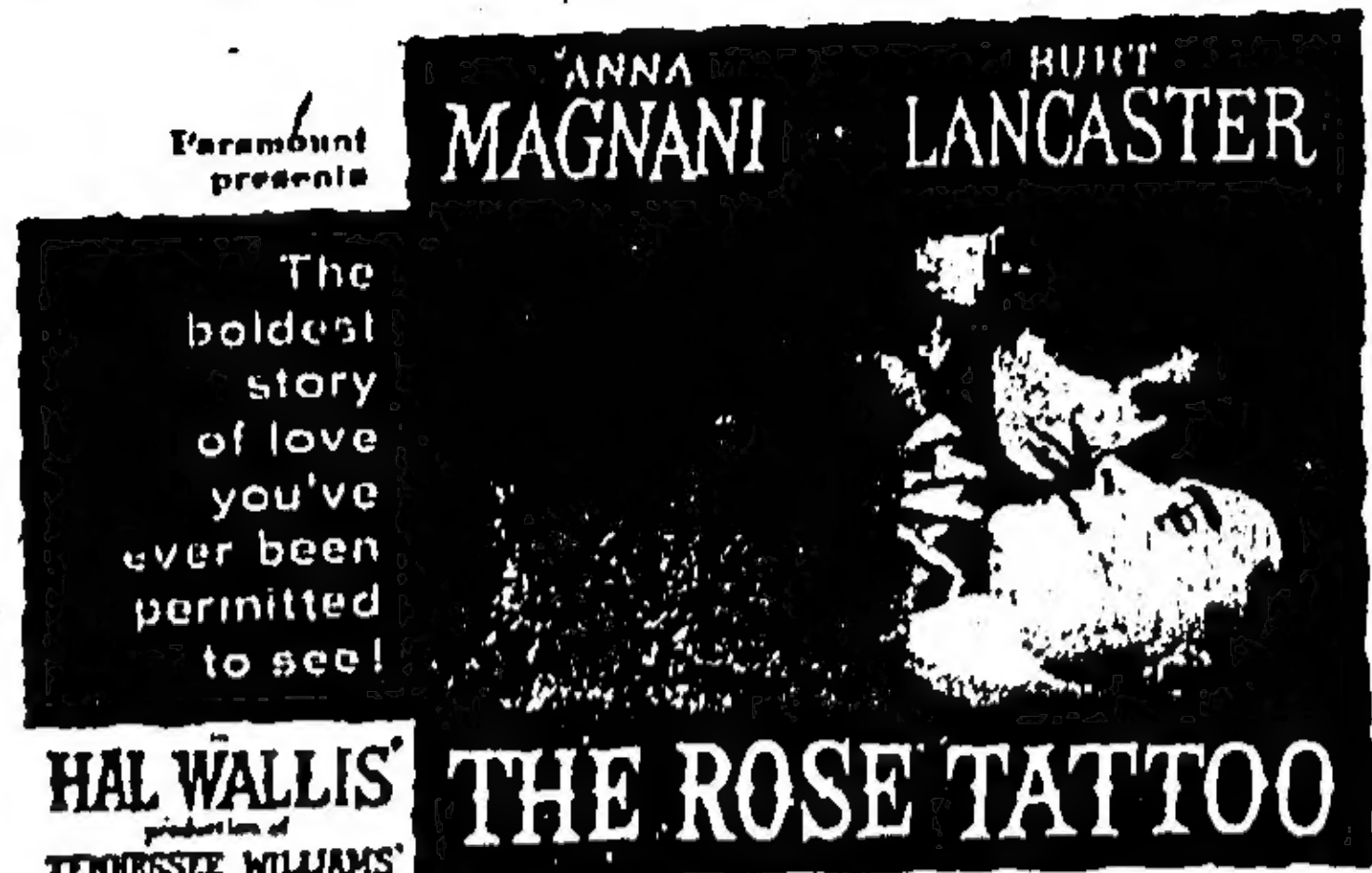
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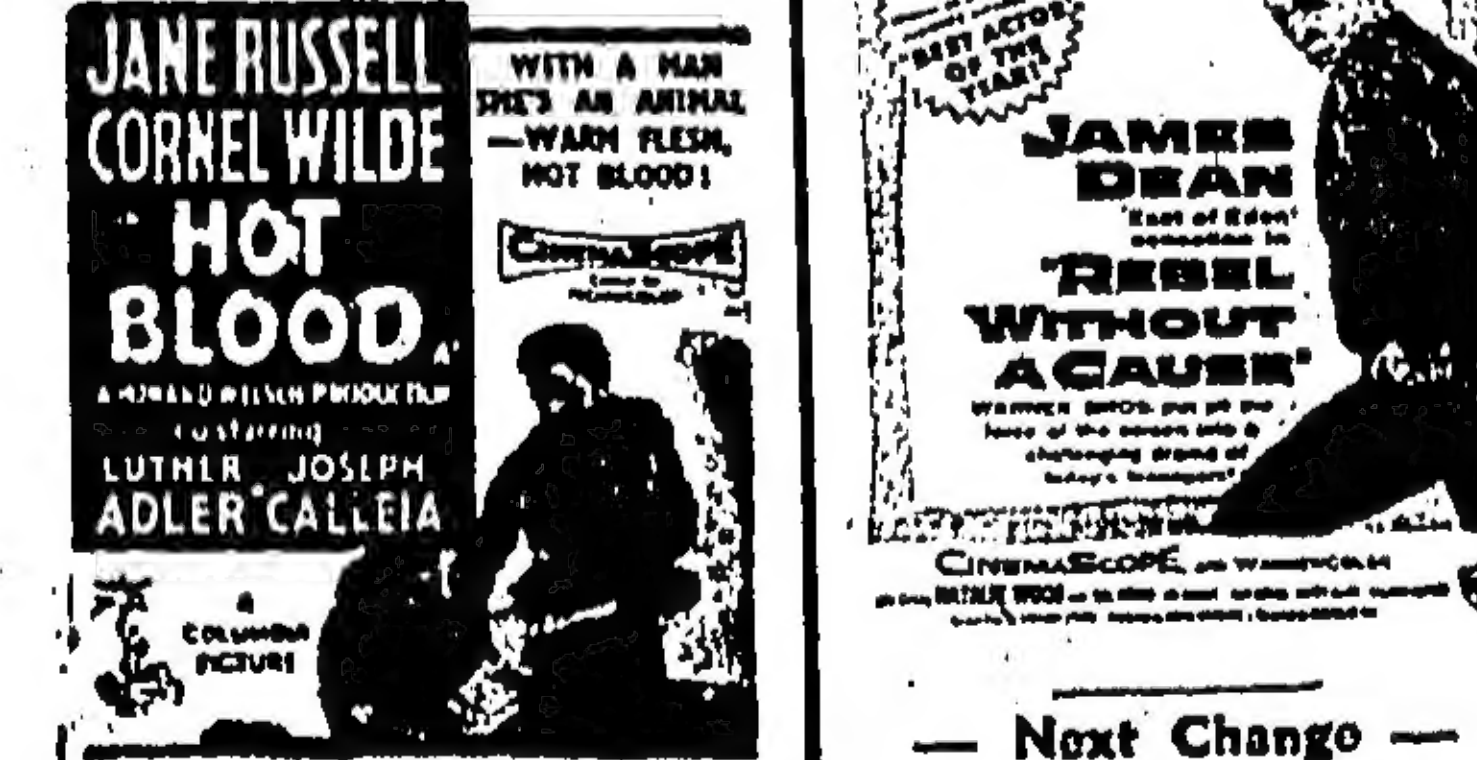
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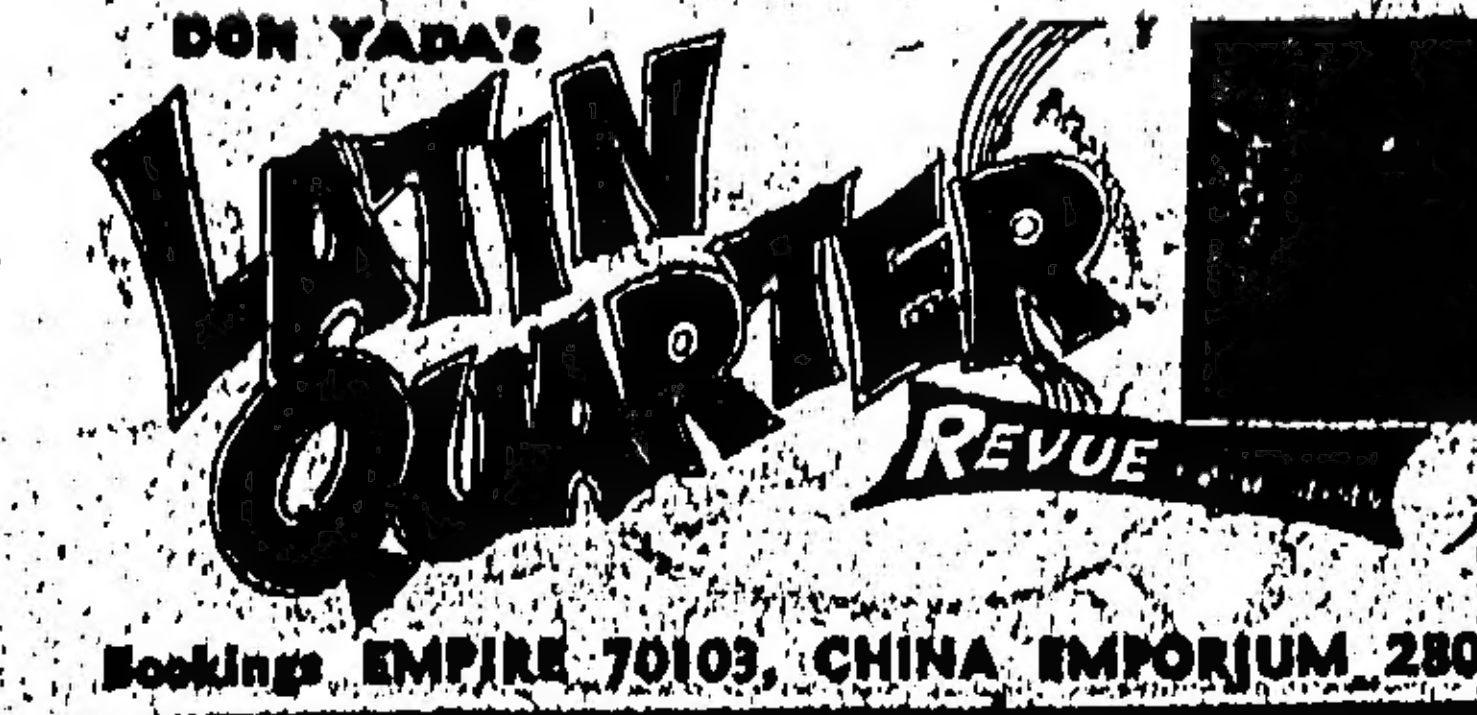
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After A Look At British A-stations... SOVIET ATOM CHIEF: 'OUR WAY IS BETTER'

Sir Winston Revisits Germany



Home—Sir Winston Churchill is pictured inspecting the 4th Queen's Own Hussars in his capacity as Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. This visit to Germany—his first since the end of World War II—found Sir Winston receiving an award from the people of Aachen for his contribution to European unity.—London Express Photo.

PINEAU GETS BIG WELCOME AT LENINGRAD

Leningrad, May 20.
In spite of drenching rain, two or three thousand Soviet citizens turned out to give a tumultuous welcome to the French Foreign Minister M. Christian Pineau as his train drew into Leningrad today.

M. Pineau is on a four-day tour of the Soviet Union following three days of talks with Soviet leaders which ended yesterday.

Soviet sailors, their heads cropped and smooth, children in old-fashioned pinafores with sashes and high-buttoned boots, women with white scarves tied around their heads were among the crowds who stood patiently in the rain to greet the French Foreign Minister.

On the platform stood the station-master, with curled, waxed moustache and same red peaked cap he wore on the job in the days of Czar Nicolas.

Beautiful City
Behind him waited M. Smirnov, President of the Local Soviet, who stepped forward to welcome M. Pineau.

The French Foreign Minister was taken on a tour of Leningrad, one of the most beautiful cities in the world with its numerous pinnacled palaces and its golden spires alongside the broad waters of the Neva.

He was taken into the underground, a smaller but equally sumptuous version of the famous Moscow underground.

Then he visited the hermitage, one of the world's richest art galleries, where workers dressed in their Sunday best crowded round to watch him admire works of art.

The banquet finally broke up to enable M. Pineau to attend a gala ballet performance at the Leningrad Theatre, France-Press.



Moscow, May 20.
Mr Igor Kurchatov, the Soviet Atomic Physicist, who inspected British atomic energy centres last month, said today Britain's solution to the problem of developing atomic power may not turn out to be the best economically.

The designers of British atomic power stations were apparently working in one direction only—"The utilisation of graphite, gas-cooled reactors."

Writing in the Soviet Communist party newspaper, Pravda, Mr Kurchatov commented: "from an economic point of view this solution may not turn out to be the best."

"This solution admittedly makes it possible to use only natural uranium, thus preserving enriched uranium for other purposes, but does not make full use of natural uranium," he said.

"British physicists propose to solve this problem later with fast neutron reactors. An experimental reactor of this type is due to be commissioned in Scotland in 1958 but it is not intended to produce electric power."

'WE DIFFER'

(Britain's fast neutron reactor, to be built at Dounreay, northern Scotland, is intended to reproduce atomic fuel, possibly at the same time as it generates power.)

Mr Kurchatov said the direction of British atomic energy development differed from that chosen by Russia. The Soviet five year plan for atomic power stations would provide wider opportunities of choosing the best way of developing the future science of atomic energy.

The Soviet plan provided for the commissioning of three types of atomic power stations, in addition to several experimental types.

They were:
★ one using a fuel of natural or enriched uranium, moderated by ordinary water;

★ enriched uranium fuel and a graphite moderator;

★ natural uranium fuel and heavy water moderator.—Reuter.

MARTINE CAROL SICK

Singapore, May 20.
French film actress Martine Carol arrived in Singapore today to publicise her latest CinemaScope film "Lola Montes."

Miss Carol was running a high fever from an attack of laryngitis when she stepped down from the airliner that brought her from Bangkok. A doctor was sent for immediately.

Though sick and unable to speak above a whisper, Miss Carol posed obligingly for a large group of photographers at the airport but told reporters she would see them tomorrow because "I am so sick."

Miss Carol and her husband, producer Christian-Jaque, were expected to stay in Singapore for three days as guests of Chinese film magnate, Run Run Shaw.—Reuter.

Not Like The Cake That Mother Baked

Plymouth, May 20.
A motorist found what he thought was a rusty "cake tin" on the beach near here, and put it in his car, and drove away.

After driving two miles he examined the object thoroughly and telephoned the police. They arrived to find that the motorist had picked up a land mine.—China Mail Special.

Abominable 'Something' On Slopes Of Himalayas

Wellington, May 20.
Mr George Lowe, a member of the British expedition which conquered Mount Everest in 1953, said "There's definitely something there" when asked last night about the "abominable snowman" of the Himalayas.

Mr Lowe, who is the official photographer of the forthcoming British Antarctic expedition, was guest of honour with Sir Edmund Hillary, who reached the summit of Everest, at a dinner at New Plymouth.

He and Sir Edmund Hillary were both answering questions on the 1953 Everest expedition when he was asked about the snowman. He conferred with Sir Edmund Hillary before replying.

Mr Lowe declared that definite tracks capable of being recognised and photographed had been found since 1890. He and Sir Edmund Hillary had only once seen traces of the snowman—in 1952 while crossing a steep pass with loose rock at about 20,000 feet near the head of the Brun valley.

I Don't Think

"The rock was very loose and occasionally things came down with a clatter," Mr Lowe said.

"There definitely is something which inhabits the slopes of the Himalayas whose tracks have been found from one to the other of that range at altitudes of about 18,000 feet."

"I don't think it is half bear and half man, but there is something," Mr Lowe said.—China Mail Special.

Animal Holds Up Train

Blantyre, May 20.
An animal which made its burrow in a railway embankment was responsible for a hold-up lasting a fortnight in the passage of trains between the Mzimba port of Beira and the Nyasaland interior, according to the General Manager of the Nyasaland Railways, Mr H. W. Stevens.

He said that the animal made a small hole through the embankment just before a hurricane struck the area. Water poured through the hole, causing serious erosion until the gap was 120 feet wide.—China Mail Special.

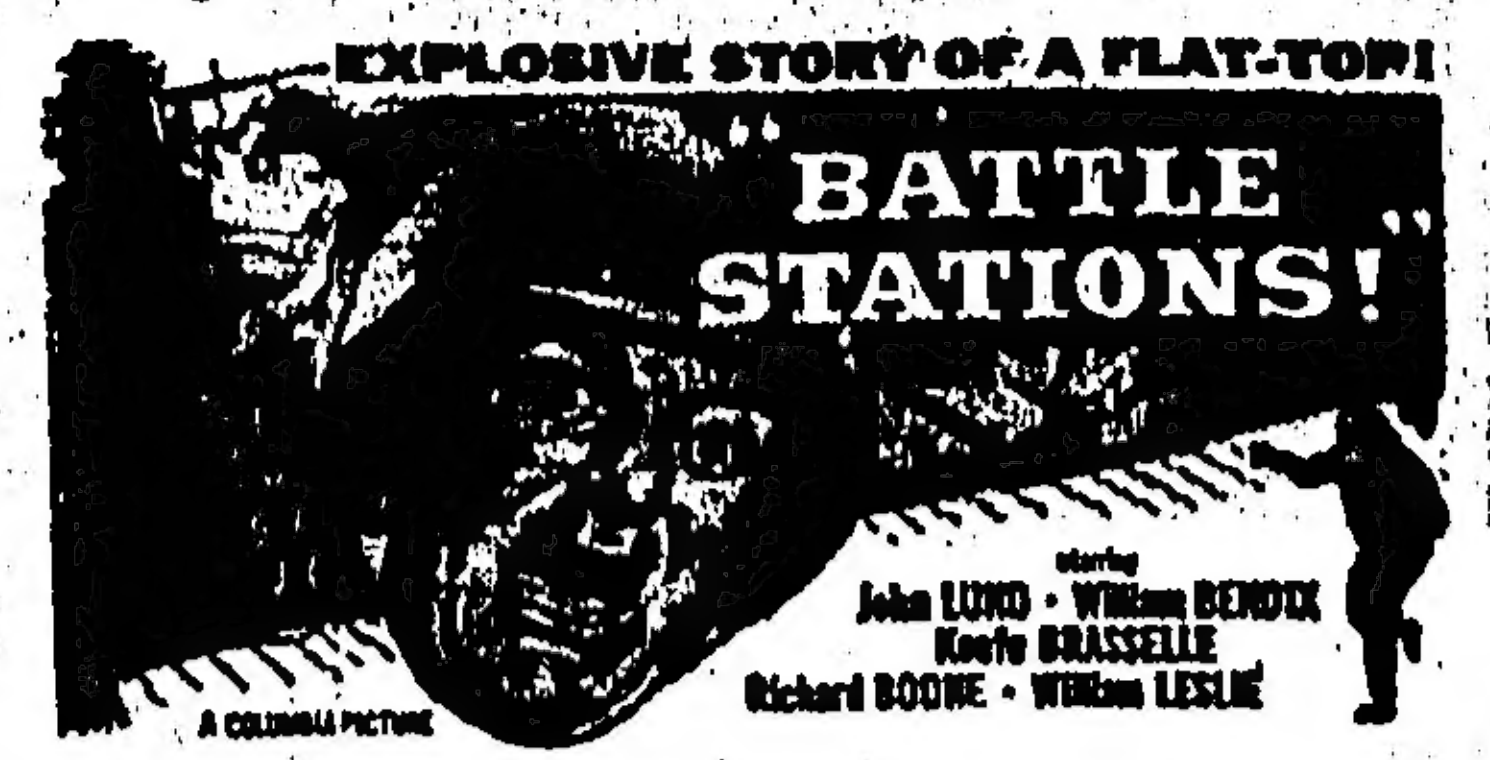
The Balloon Blew Up With A BANG

Potters, May 20.
A child's balloon exploding inside a car blew out the car's four doors and injured the three-year-old owner of the balloon and her mother.

Police impounded the gas bottle from which the balloon had been filled at a local fair.—China Mail Special.

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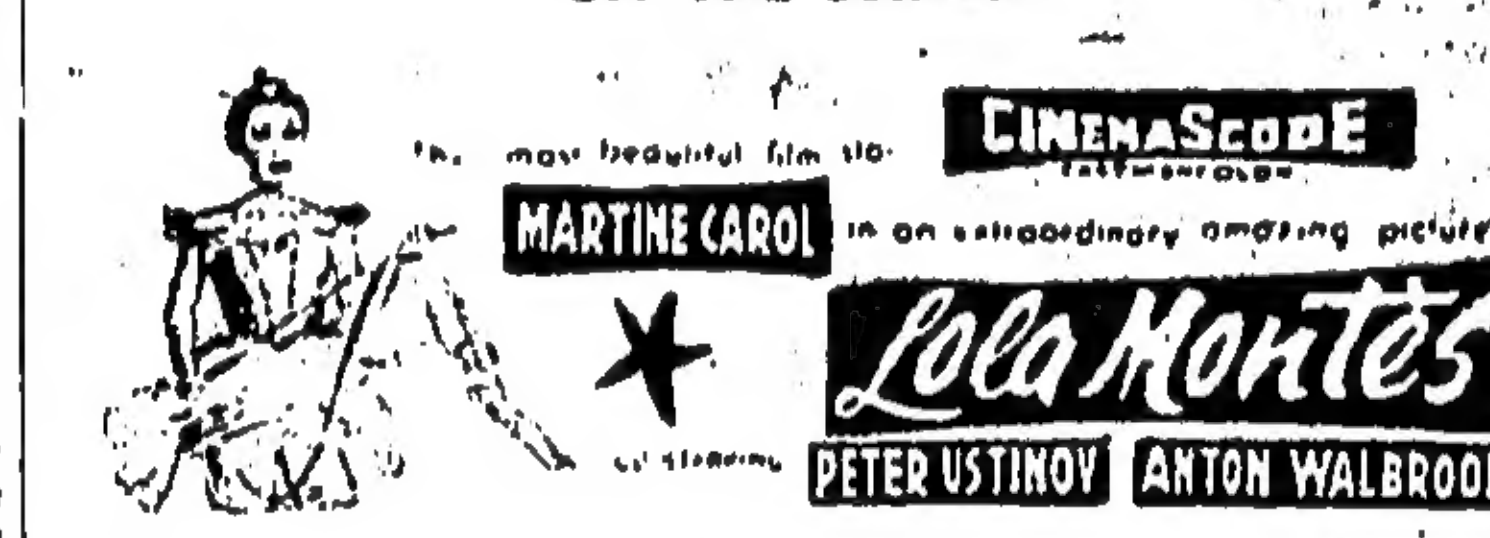


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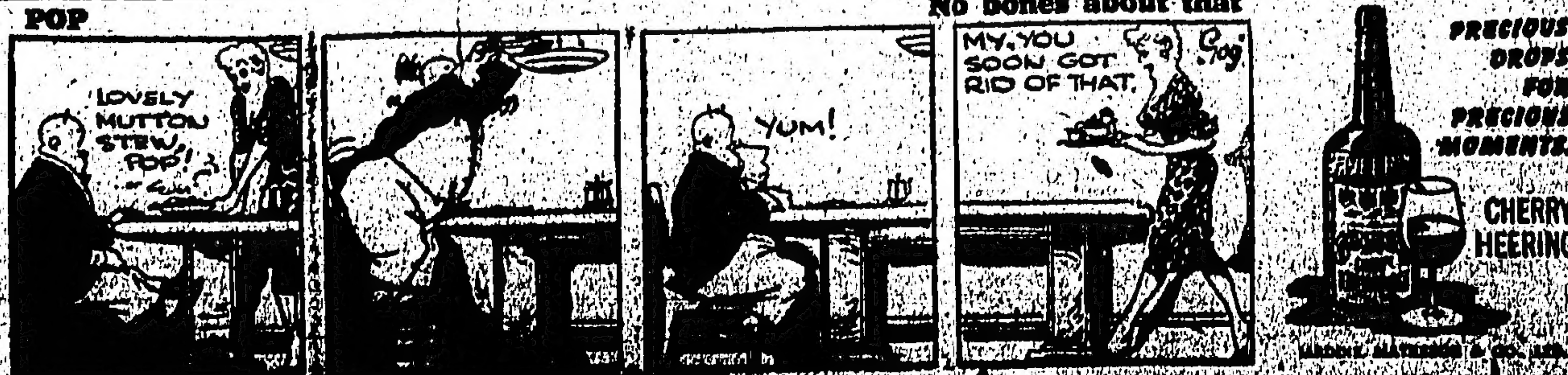
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VAST SOURCES OF OIL KEPT SECRET

By Eric Bourne

Stalin, Bulgaria Later a pipeline is to be laid right down to Stalin. VAST new sources of oil are believed to lie beneath the Russian-controlled Black Sea as a result of extensive prospecting and drilling in the northeastern corner of Bulgaria near the Rumanian border.

The area concerned is the Southern Dobruja, ceded to Hitler's borders to Bulgaria by Rumania in 1940. Work has been going on for the past three years under conditions of the strictest secrecy.

Western diplomats in Sofia have frequently sought and always been refused permission to visit the 3,000 square miles tightly sealed forbidden zone north of Stalin.

Stalin (the port next door to the premier millionaire summer playground of Varna) has so far kept the name despite the declassification of the former Soviet dictator.

The area is so closely guarded that even when I showed my permit from the central government in Sofia for a tour of the whole oil area, armed Russian escort await another security check-up.

First Let In

I was, in fact, the first Westerner admitted into the Dobruja since the war.

The first oilfield lies along the coast north of the busy little port of Balchik, the main town of the area. Oil is converting nearby Kovarna, a dusty, smelly peasant village, into a miniature Mid-Western "boom town."

Between here and Shabla, further north, only 50 yards from where white foaming breakers tumbled over the rocky shore, I watched the thick black crude oil being pumped from a dozen derricks into two pipe-linked central reservoirs.

Drilling, pumping and transporting goes on in shifts all round the clock. Newly-laid roads were alive through the day and far into the night with now Austrian-made six-ton tankers. Each had its trailer of three or five tons capacity. They were carrying the oil to the Bulgarian refinery at Ruse, 120 miles to the west on the Danube, and to Soviet sea-going tankers in Stalin harbour.

Russia supplied the derricks and drilling machinery — on strict hard cash terms, I was told, because the Bulgarians refused Soviet terms for a joint company when the first oil strikes were made some years ago.

Russia's Interest

Now Russia is said to be showing more interest. Why? Because prospecting is revealing steadily increasing deposits of oil — much of it less than 2,000 yards below the surface, which makes extraction reasonably cheap and easy.

Officials refuse to disclose production figures, but it is believed to average 700 tons daily from the one small field already in regular production.

Two more fields it is expected will be working before the year is out.

This production in itself is a drop in the ocean of world oil output, but according to experts the importance of the find is that geologists — Russians included — are now convinced the deposits are a continuation of the vast resources in Rumania, and there is little doubt that they stretch in a widening seam far out into the Black Sea.

Bulgaria alone could never tackle the costly operation of getting the oil up from below the sea bed, as done, for example, in the Gulf of Mexico.

But Russia, it is believed, will step in with an offer of large-scale help immediately the final surveys are completed later this year.



Ava Gardner... lady of Spain.

Life with Ava

It's damp and the chimney smokes—but it's better than Hollywood, she says

AN antiquated rattling taxi took me out of Madrid through some of the less salubrious suburbs into the open country beyond. After about 15 minutes' driving on the bumpy, dusty road I was at the Witch's House.

By LOGAN GOURLAY

Gardner has bought herself. No one could call it a castle in Spain except in the most figurative sense. It does not bring beauty to the sparse, undulating Spanish landscape.

At first glance it looks from the outside like a new public convenience built by opulent municipality.

I found the front door—the witch on the roof was pointing roughly in the direction—and was ushered in by a maid. She installed me in the lounge and left me to wait. The mistress was washing her hair. (Why are women, particularly actresses, always washing their hair?)

While I waited I was regarded suspiciously by a small gentleman carved in wood who sat by the fireplace, looking like a cross between Frank Sinatra and an Indian fakir—probably a souvenir of Miss Gardner's film "Bhowani Junction," which was partly made in India.

A male servant crossing the hall passed the lounge door carrying a tray with a bottle of whisky.

Then Miss Gardner appeared in a vibrant dress with her wet hair wrapped in a scarf, carrying a glass of Coca-Cola. I wondered if she had been using the whisky as a shampoo. She apologised for the delay—"Had to do something about my hair. It was a mess. Still is."

(Why do women, particularly actresses, always say their hair is a mess after spending time on it?)

"I'll have to drive into town to get it dried."

"I have a hair-dryer here but you can't depend on the electricity in this house."

Imperfections

SHE launched into a list of the imperfections of the Witch's House which cost her about £17,000.

It was now when she moved in a few months ago, but it had been built to somebody else's specifications. Then they decided

not to occupy it. Wisely perhaps.

"Look over behind the piano. The damp is coming through the walls."

"The chimney smokes badly. Can't do anything about it."

She pointed through the ceiling-to-floor windows to the swimming pool at the bottom of the garden.

"I'm having trouble with the filter in the pool."

"I've no telephone in the house. I could get one. I'm told, but it would cost me a fortune—laying special cables and all that business."

"And the furniture—don't talk to me about that."

"The dining-room table through there is cracked right up the middle."

"Don't you miss Hollywood at all?"

"No. Can't say I do. I needed a change. Life isn't a rat race here."

But there have been reports, which I mention, that for Miss Gardner it has been a riotous

roundabout with flamenco parties to 7 a.m. and breakfast at 5 p.m.

"Don't believe all you hear about me."

"Of course I've just been to the festival at Seville. It was no rest cure. Some nights I didn't get to bed at all."

"Sure I like having fun. And I'm mad about flamenco parties. But I don't live it up all the time. There are other things."

"Like acting and work."

"As you say—I have to start another film soon. It might be an adaptation of 'The Little Hut.' But I'm not too keen. The woman's part isn't going to be very big."

No details

SHE denied, as I had been informed, that her salary from M.G.M. who have her under contract, is about \$700 a week for more than 40 weeks of the year whether she works or not. But she did not volunteer exact details.

Nor did she wax loquacious on the subject of Frank Sinatra, who is currently in Madrid filming "The Pride and the Passion."

"We haven't met yet. He can't phone here, of course."

"He's doing very well for himself. Sounds like a good movie he's making."

"No, we are not officially divorced yet."

(She established residence in Nevada, quick-divorce state, but left without picking up the final papers.)

She stood up suddenly and said: "Look, I'll have to go now. I'll drive you back to town. I really must get my hair fixed. And I want to take Cara to the kennels. I'll have to leave her for a week or so. I hate separating her from Rags."

Cara and Rags are her pet dogs. They are happily married.

We dragged Cara through the hall, which is lined with book and record shelves. Prominently displayed are two albums of Sinatra records labelled "Frankly Sentimental," beneath, a volume of Proust's "Remembrance of Things Past."

Vivacious

HER sleek grey Cadillac, a present from Sinatra, glided over the bumps on the road back to Madrid. Cara whimpered in the back seat. Her mistress cooed, "You'll be all right, honey. It won't be so bad. Believe me, you'll get used to it."

Road workers welcomed an excuse to down tools, wave and shout Spanish compliments about the beauty behind the wheel.

At 33, Miss Gardner can still look uncommonly beautiful. The flamenco parties and carousing have left no trace so far.

And she can still look vivaciously happy at times. As though she hasn't a care in the world. As though she had never experienced any emotional or marital problems. As though the lonely Witch's House, with the damp walls and the cracking furniture was a glittering golden palace.

Of course, Miss Gardner knows something about acting now.

THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO "THE ISLE OF THE LOG"

By Allan Carney

ON June 9 the Royal yacht Britannia will anchor in Swedish waters, having carried Britain's Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh across the North Sea on a visit to the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Awaiting Elizabeth II and Prince Philip will be the King of Sweden and his consort Queen Louise, who is the Duke of Edinburgh's aunt. A picturesque royal barge, the Vasaorden, manned by a score of lusty Swedes, will bear Queen Elizabeth and the Duke from the stately yacht Britannia to the landing-stage of their host's royal palace.

What sort of city is Stockholm? It is a bright, clear city in which the old and the new stand in contrast. It was founded in the middle of the thirteenth century by one Birger Jarl and was originally a kind of fortress, located on the island of Stadholm. Its name means "The Isle of the Log," and in olden times it withstood several sieges—the most memorable in 1501 when it was defended against the Swedes by Queen Christina of Denmark.

Stockholm is renowned for its beauty. The coast thereabouts is dotted with a myriad islands, and the

approach is by a channel called the Sulejo, the open sea being nearly 40 miles distant. The city stands at the junction of a great lake, the Malar, and is sited on both shores and on the intervening islands. It has become known, accordingly, as "The Venice of the North."

THE OLD TOWN

THE old town, Gamla Staden, contains the royal palace. Built on an eminence, the palace dates from the mid-eighteenth century, the original building having been destroyed by fire in 1697. Besides the royal apartments, it contains a picture gallery, collections of coins, antiquities, and a library in which, by decree, a copy of every book printed in Sweden had to be deposited.

West of the palace are the offices housing the government ministries, and to the southwest is the Storkyrka, dedicated to St Nicholas—Stockholm's oldest church, founded in 1264 but almost entirely rebuilt during the period 1728-1743.

In this church, which is richly adorned with paintings and exquisite wood carvings, Britain's Queen

will attend divine service on the morning of June 10, a date which coincides with the Duke of Edinburgh's 35th birthday.

Gamla Staden is the commercial heart of Stockholm, and its antiquity is evident to the eye from the confined, tortuous streets the narrow-fronted, gabled houses that are still to be found there, though most of the buildings are not very old. Frequent fires in earlier days destroyed many of the originals.

Bridges connect Staden with Norrmalm, which is the finest quarter of Stockholm, with broad straight streets, handsome buildings, open spaces and gardens. Here are located the palace of the Crown Prince, the Theatre Royal and the Royal Opera House.

A gala performance at the Opera House will be attended by the Royal visitors from Britain. That gala performance will be one of the highlights of the stay of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Another will be the State banquet given in their honour at the royal palace, where they and 150 other guests will dine in a magnificent room with a white colour scheme. A room specially celebrated—world-famous indeed—for the annual Nobel dinner takes place here in connection with the award of the five prizes given each year under the terms of the great Swedish chemist's will. The president of the Nobel Founda-

tion is, of course, appointed by the King of Sweden. The Royal couple from Britain will also visit Stockholm's splendid Town Hall, acknowledged as one of the world's most magnificent buildings, combining Swedish traditional styles of architecture with Italian influences.

The Swedes and men of British stock began a long and friendly association in the sixteenth century, when thousands of Scottish soldiers of fortune, and a number of Englishmen too, left their native lands to enlist under the banner of Sweden's warrior monarch, Gustavus Adolphus, and fight in his Continental campaigns, figuring prominently in his victories.

The visit of Britain's attractive young Queen and her handsome husband will add one more memorable occasion to the story of that long friendship, forged in long-ago battles, continued in times of peace.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



THE REST 3. EASTERN 1

THE REST WERE CHAMPION BUT THE CHAMPIONS WERE VERY, VERY ORDINARY

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

But for a magnificent display of goalkeeping by Yong Pui-dor it would have been necessary to collect the scoreboard from Chater Road to keep tally of the Rest's net finding. The single digit board at Caroline Hill would surely have proved inadequate.

During the season it was a common sight when Eastern were in action to see their big name defenders remonstrating with goalkeeper Yong whenever a goal was scored against them. More often than not he was the least of the lot to blame, but somehow he seemed to be the one who had to shoulder the responsibility.

Towards the end of the season, however, when Eastern were struggling desperately to stay the distance it was Yong who carried them through. Several scintillating displays proved that he had the ability and the temperament to equal anyone in the side and he put the seal on his work on Saturday night when, almost single-handed, he stood between the brilliant Rest forwards and a cricket score.

This end-of-the-season show game exposed just how slender were Eastern's resources and how vulnerable they were to injury. Long before the match they were reduced to tattered figures.

Ko Po-keung, in spite of his efforts to put a brave face on things, had a badly swollen leg to any nothing of a pair of lungs that were often gasping for just a little air.

Kwok Yung-lok was another one who betrayed all the tortures of a painful knee. Hau Chung-to suffered a second half recurrence of his recent injury and his partner, Chu Wing-keung, finished the game on the injured's bench.

Add to that the fact that Lee Ping-chiu was unfit to take his place in the team at all and you get some idea of the problems that have faced the Eastern selectors, that still face them if they hope to continue as potential Champions next season.

It is only when one ponders on these facts that the real magnitude of Eastern's double achievement can be fully appreciated. They have in fact collected their honours with a

minimum of competent reserves and a disconcerting injury list. As things are now they have much in common with the Arsenal of a few years ago. A club of veterans has collected the big plums of the current season but any team that has Old Father Time as a twelfth man must be prepared to face a steep decline which can quickly become a dive unless remedied by a ruthless promptly and applied ruthlessly.

PRESSING NEEDS

Saturday's game emphasised just how pressing are Eastern's needs in this direction. The Champions stood sorry comparison with a Rest side that was faster, stronger, and much more competent in every position except goal.

Ko Po-keung's spirit of exorcism which frequently took him far upfield looked to me like a subtle mask for defensive uncertainty and he was badly out of position when both second half goals were scored.

Lee Kwok-wah, Lo Pak and Lau Chi-lam alone had the vitality to counter the pace of the opposition, but too much was thrown on to them by their less active teammates.

The Rest were a competent combination from stem to stern. Lau Yee was a complete master of his area and the forceful play of wing halves Tung Sum and Toffrey provided the sort of service on which Yiu Cheuk-yin, Ho Cheung-yau and Mok Chun-wah thrive, and thrive they did to the intense enjoyment of the 8,000 spectators who filled the two stands.

Chu Wing-wah's unprofitable and annoying habit of holding

up fast forward thrusts by stopping the ball and doubling back on his tracks spoiled many good movements and one was left speculating as to the damage that would have been caused to Eastern had fleet-footed Yeung Wai-lo of Sinit Tso been on the right wing.

The game itself was never very exciting and first half goals by Yiu Cheuk-yin for the Rest and Lau Chi-lam for Eastern allowed the teams to turn round on level terms.

As the second half progressed it became more and more a contest between the Rest forwards and Yong Pui-dor and the fact that the goalkeeper was beaten only twice is adequate testimony to his courageous performance between the sticks.

Shots were fired at him from all angles and from all distances but whether it was the sly little job from Mok Chun-wah, the cut header from Yiu Cheuk-yin or the full-blooded drive from Ho Cheung-yau they all came alike to Yong and he rightly deserved the plaudits of the crowd.

The late goals by Lo Kwok-tai and Chu Wing-wah were really of the unseemable order, coming as they did at the end of all-out and all-up Rest attacks which had blunted the Eastern defence wide open.

Eastern—be it to their credit—never stopped trying to put a better face on things but their depleted, injury-torn team never had the strength, the versatility or the pace to turn their few chances to advantage although they did provoke Tan Nai-huen into pulling off a couple of good saves.

The game dragged on to an inglorious close as far as Eastern were concerned. The Rest were in complete command of everything except Yong Pui-dor's vital piece of territory.

VERDICT: This game must surely act as a warning to Eastern. The team has a dangerous lifelessness that springs entirely from lack of pace and pith. It is acknowledged that they have some brilliant ball players but it must also be noted that nowadays the intricacies are so slow that the opposition is being given adequate time to recover and counter.

THE TEAMS

The Champions (Eastern): Yong Pui-dor; Lo Pak, Chan Kar-sau; Chow Man-chi, Ko Po-keung, Lee Kwok-wah; Ho Yung-fun, Lau Chi-lam, Kwok Yung-lok, Chu Wing-keung, Hau Chi-lam.

The Rest: Tan Nai-huen (Sing Tao); Szeto Yiu (KMB); Lau Lee (Kitchener); Tung Sum (KMB); Luk Tak-hai (South China); Toffrey (Army); Chu Wing-wah (South China); Ho Cheung-yau (South China); Lo Kwok-tai (Sing Tao); Yiu Cheuk-yin (South China); Mok Chun-wah (South China).

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

At the end of the game the League Championship trophies were presented to the season's winning teams by the Hon. Kwok Chan, President of the Hongkong Football Association. One of the features of the presentation was the almost complete lack of enthusiasm from the big crowd gathered outside the cordon formed by the Police.

Ko Po-keung received the huge First Division cup in a silence broken only by polite handclaps and in fact the only burst of anything like spontaneous cheering was reserved for Yong Pui-dor as he stepped forward to receive his Championship medal and right well he earned the ovation given to him by the fans.

For this record book here is the full list of the season's honours:

First Division Championship: Winners, Eastern; Runners-up, South China.
Second Division Championship: Winners, KMB; Runners-up, Kitchener.
Third Division Championship: Winners, RAMC; Runners-up, Prisoners.
Fourth Division Championship: Winners, B & S; Runners-up, Royal Works.
Senior Shield: Winners, Eastern; Runners-up, Kitchener.
Junior Shield: Winners, KMB; Runners-up, Eastern.
Stanley Cup: Winners, South China; Runners-up, KMB.

TOOK A FALL



Hunting Stewart, ridden by Miss I. Touche of Oakley, Surrey, takes a fall at a fence at the Royal Windsor Horse Show.—Central Press Photo.

WEEK-END BOWLS

Craigengower Take Four Very Valuable Points From Match With KCC

By "TOUCHER"

Craigengower Cricket Club further enhanced their chances of replacing Rereio as the Colony First Division Lawn Bowls League Champions by registering another major victory yesterday when they defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by four points to one.

Having gained nine points in two matches at the expense of two of the strongest teams in this season's First Division League, they will be well on the way to the division's Championship honours should they be able to collect full points from Indian Recreation Club "Blues" in a postponed match this Wednesday.

Though still heavy, green conditions yesterday were the best so far this season and some very good bowls were seen by an unusually large crowd.

The Kowloonites lost on the whole to a better team but were rather unfortunate in not salvaging another point from the match. A lucky point by Craigengower skip Stan Leonard on the 19th head saw him collect a count of four for his side.

This was, however, short-lived. On the next head, the Craigengower bowlers retaliated with a three to draw level with their opponents at 21-21 when the last head was played.

A first shot by Tony Alves about a foot behind the jack stayed there until Leonard's last wood, which wicked off a front straightening out of the jack. Chubb was a shade wide in his attempt to rest the shot wood and left Leonard and his men the winners by 22-21.

For the losers both S. Y. Doe and Alves as lead and No. 2 put up a creditable performance and actually had the better of their opponents during the middle twelve heads of the game.

Joe Landolt and Jack Chubb had a fair afternoon. For the winners George Hong Choy at lead and P. K. Lau at No. 2, though at their best, were the mainstays, particularly in the first five heads and the last five heads.

Fred Madar at No. 3 again had an unsuccessful day except in the last four or five heads and Leonard in the skip's role was well below form.

CLOSE GAME

On the other rink Hong Sling's four carried their close game against Bradbury's four to an 18-15 score at the end of the 19th head. With Bradbury lying two shots on the 20th head, Hong Sling drew in a difficult second shot to still maintain the lead at 18-15 when the last head was played.

CRACKED UP

It was after tea that the Kowloon bowlers cracked up

Today's Chances At The Valley By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Twelfth (Whitsun) Race Meeting will be continued today at the Valley and, with the weather remaining fine at the moment there are indications that the last day of the 1955/56 racing season will again draw a large holiday crowd of racing fans.

The Essex Handicap for Class 2 Ponies over the mile will form the main attraction in a programme of twelve events and keen racing should be the order of the day.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 am., with the first race starting at noon. The 15-minute interval will follow the running of the fourth race and the first bell after fifth will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

K. Kwok is now assured being Champion Jockey for the 1955/56 racing season as he has 22 winners to date and leads by three over his nearest rivals. He has a few good mounts to ride this afternoon to add to his winners when the day is over.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Went Handicap: 1½ miles.
The first race of the day is confined to Class 7 ponies to be ridden by approved novice riders who have not won 10 races at any time, anywhere.

scoring another win rather bright.

Cover Girl (K. Shih) is well suited for this distance and I think it will give Atomic Caesar a good race.

Free Success (Alex Lam) should also be considered as this pony is good over this distance.

As an outsider bear Dutch Courage (Lai Chuan-fai) in mind.

It is not likely to be fully extended, except perhaps by Liddle (H. K. Chuang).

Manx Penny (K. F. Chiu) is not bad over this distance although it will have to give of its best to beat the other ponies in the race.

For an outsider I would recommend keeping an eye on Spanish Fox (Robert Tsai).

THIRD RACE
Went Handicap: 6 furlongs.
In this race for Class 7 ponies, I like Good Girl (K. Kwok) the best. This pony galloped the six furlongs on Wednesday morning, May 9, during training in 1.26.3—last quarter 26.4 seconds.

There is Attractive Power (M. Samarcia) to be reckoned with as it is good over this distance.

Easy Slim (T. H. Yau) should also be in the running and I expect it to be near at the finish.

Alex Lam will take out Begonia and it has been whispered that this pony stands a good chance of scoring a win here.

FOURTH RACE
Went Handicap: 1 mile.
Class 10 ponies will battle out the finish in this race. The ponies can move and are quick.

Chun Kit (K. Kwok), Thunder Sky (M. Samarcia), Rowan (H. K. Hung) and First Lady (P. Plumby).

Quizzette is my choice, and I think it should win, but Thunder Sky is not to be ignored as this pony can move and the distance is more to its liking.

Rowan and First Lady may have something to say with regard to the other position, but I don't think they can win.

FIFTH RACE
Shropshire Handicap: 6 furlongs.
This event will be fought out by Class 7 ponies and, judging from past performances, Flying Duleman (H. H. Chan) will probably win.

Opposition is likely to come from Ruby (Robert Tsai), Ma Cherie (H. K. Chuang) and another pony to watch, but it may disappoint again.

Harmony (T. H. Yau) is not bad.

Hammer Mill (T. Travers) is another candidate capable of extending the lead.

SIXTH RACE
Oxford Handicap: From the 2-mile Post.
How Do I Know (H. K. Chuang) has a good opportunity of winning this race despite its disappointing run the last time out. I think it should just about win, as the distance is more to its liking.

Full Ahead (K. Kwok) has been knocking at the door of victory for a long time and Every Day (Allan Chan) is another pony to bear in mind as it is capable of giving the aforementioned two ponies a good fight.

Easy Money will be piloted by B. S. Wong and for those who prefer an outsider I suggest Resurrection (C. L. Liu), Batsie (W. R. Holman), Golden Branch (W. K. Shieh) and Knock-Down (P. Plumby) are undoubtedly the best.

Resurrection is probably a little better than the others in view of its fine win in the Mongkok Handicap over the Champion distance, but Batsie was second in this same race and may create a surprise.

Golden Branch, which ran a good third in the above race, must be considered.

Knock-Down ran poorly the last time out and was never in the picture. It should be watched over this distance and a win is not altogether out of the question.

BUDGE PATTY, DROBNY AND NIELSEN ELIMINATED IN FRENCH TENNIS TOURNNEY

Paris, May 20.

Budget Patty, debonair American-Parisian, the second seeded player for the Men's Singles, and Mrs Dorothy Knode, of New York, number two "seed" in the Women's event, both made shock exits from the French International Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

The 32-year-old Patty, idol of the French tennis public, was worn down and then outplayed in a marathon five set fourth round match against the Belgian international Jackie Brichant, who is seeded only 15th.

Mrs Knode, Women's finalist, last year, fell to 21-year-old Miss Angela Buxton, the British Whithorn Cup player, from Middlesex, who showed sterling fighting qualities in winning 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, after staving off a match point when trailing 3-5 in the second set.

The huge holiday crowd which filled the concrete tiers of the centre court could hardly believe their eyes as Patty, after holding a two-set lead,

allowed the match to slip from his grasp.

The latter Belgian wore him down in the sun.

Unlike top-seeded Australian Lew Hoad, who had a tough five-setter against Robert Abdouham to get him match tight before beating Britain's Roger Becker in the fourth round yesterday, Patty had to meet Brichant having played only three sets in the Championships. He had a bye and a walkover at the start.

DECIDING SET

This lack of match practice was evident at the commencement of the deciding set when Patty surprisingly lost, his service, looking a weary man, he never recovered from this breach and though he had the experience of ten Wimbledon behind him he just could not check the Belgian who went to four love and served out the match with a love game to win 3-6, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-2.

Two other redoubtable Wimbledon performers, Jaroslav Drobný of Egypt and Kurt Nielsen of Denmark, were both beaten in straight sets in the fourth round.

Drobný, who is now 34, could not hold the wily American Herbie Flam and went down 7-5, 6-3, 8-6, while Nielsen, slightly below his best, was beaten down by the power and accuracy of Ashley Cooper, 19-year-old Australian. Hard Court Champion, who showed enough ability in winning 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 to rank as a potential finalist.

In the quarter-final this line-up in draw order is Brichant versus Cooper, Sven Davidson (Sweden) versus Flam, Giuseppe Merlo (Italy) versus Paul Remy (France), Nicola Pietrangeli (Italy) versus Hoad.

World Shooting Best Possible Performance

Belgrade, May 20.
Yugoslav marksman Nicolas Skoric today achieved the best possible world performance for small calibre, lying position, shooting when he scored 400 out of a 400 possible points at an inter-township shooting competition in Belgrade.

The competition was held in honour of President Tito's 64th birthday.—France-Press.

Soviet Athlete Sets New Javelin Mark

Paris, May 20.
Soviet athlete Vladimir Kuznetsov today lowered his own Soviet national record for the javelin throw, with a throw of 78.76 metres, at an athletic meeting in Kiev. News agency reported.

Kuznetsov's former national record was 76.19 metres.—France-Press.

THE GAMEBOLS



For the most refreshing THIRST QUENCHER



THE BRAZILIANS ARE SAD

England Still Need
Albert Quixall

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

England beat Brazil 4-2. So the Brazilians lost the last match of their lightning European tour, the match they most wanted to win. The Brazilians are sad. But English hearts are gay. For hadn't their young side swept into a goal lead in four minutes?

Hadn't they fought back with courage and determination after Brazil had drawn level?

And mightn't the score have been so different? There were those two missed penalties, a Taylor shot which struck the foot of a post, and a Haynes effort, bounding on top of the bar before hurtling to safety.

But my old pessimistic heart isn't so gay. True, England's performance, particularly by the youngsters, was full of promise. But the highest rating I give this showing is "satisfactory." I won't attempt to find a new adjective—laid on there at the go with inch-perfect crosses.

The grand old man also had a hand in the fourth, and when brought into the game by those long raking passes from the 'young master', Johnny Haynes, caused such havoc among the Brazilian defenders that they were glad to kick anywhere to avert danger.

A replacement for Matthews—now on a coaching-cum-exhibition tour of Kenya—must be found for England's games on the Continent.

UTTER FLOP
Big John Atyeo at inside-right was a complete and utter flop. With two ball-players of the calibre of Matthews and Haynes to lay on those defence-splitting passes, the double centre-forward plan can't be tolerated, however negative in approach it may be.

But with all the grafting left to young Haynes, there must be a player with considerable more ideas than Atyeo in the other inside-forward berth, if the side is to hold out much hope of a successful tour.

There is no such player in the party.

I repeat what I have said before, Albert Quixall should be restored to the side immediately.

For without the guiding influence of Stan Matthews, I cannot see the line clicking as well as it did at Wembley.

On the credit side, Duncan Edwards played like a veteran at left-half, despite a tendency to get over-heated early on, and Ron Clayton had his best game at right-half for many a long day. Colin Grainger made mistakes on the left-wing. But this was his first international, and

by the way he took his two goals, he showed that with perseverance he could be the answer to England's left-wing problem.

HARD TO IMAGINE
After that swashbuckling performance it would be ridiculous to talk of this match as a farewell appearance for Stanley Matthews. It is hard to imagine the side on tour without him; harder still to visualise what steps manager Walter Winterbottom will take to replace him.

Brazil have got more problems to solve. They were a mere shadow of the great side in the 1950 World Cup. And this is the team, we are told, they are hoping to field in the 1958 series.

They will have to tighten up considerably in defence, where moving and covering was poor against England. And this side of individuals must be welded into a team with constructive ideas.—London Express Service.

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2,000,000 Divots

By Henry Longhurst

To play golf on the Old course at St Andrews is always a notable experience, but never more notable than at the present moment. I can safely say that I have never in Britain, the United States, Canada, Europe or the Antipodes seen anything like it.

Members of the Tripoli and Benghazi clubs, who received me so hospitably a month or two ago, may now take comfort. The condition of their fairways and those of the Old course is identical. Indeed, if you did not look up from the ground, only the biting east wind would tell you that you were playing at St Andrews and not in the Libyan desert.

Some attribute these fantastic conditions to this same east wind and other inclemencies of the weather. Some talk learnedly of inorganic fertilisers. Others, as usual, point accusing fingers at the people in charge. For myself, I am satisfied that they are due to none of these, but to an illogical and impossible situation which merits immediate review.

The set-up at St Andrews is complicated and widely misunderstood. There are four courses—the Old, the New, the Jubilee and the Eden—and all are "public," just like those in Richmond Park. Around them are a number of clubs—the Royal and Ancient, the New, the St Andrews and the St Rude's. The clubs, of course, run their own affairs, but the links committee composed of nominees of the R. and A. and the town council, with an R. and A. chairman.

NO INCOME

Unlike the national golf unions, which derive substantial incomes from affiliated clubs, the Royal and Ancient Club has no income whatever from the golfing public, but it contributes each year towards the upkeep of the St Andrews courses, from its private income from members' subscriptions, a sum equal to the total response so far from golfers all over Britain to Lord Bruce's appeal for funds for international golf.

In the meantime the joint kitty is swelled by green fees, which on the Old course are 3s. 6d. for residents, 5s. for strangers. For residents of St Andrews a season's subscription to all four courses costs 30s. and for a small addition this will cover the whole family, those under 10 being thrown in free of charge. They are to be seen.

Sports Diary

TODAY

12th Whelan Reg. Meeting (Second Day) at Happy Valley at noon.

TOMORROW

Federation Cup Race v. Sing Tao at Caroline Hill, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Judo Meeting at South China Stadium, 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

1st Division C.C. v. 2nd Division at Happy Valley, 7.30 p.m.

Triangular County
Lawn Bowls
Tourney Teams

A triangular County lawn bowls tournament, the first of its kind in the Hongkong bowls history, between Yorkshire, Lancashire and Northumberland and Durham will be played under floodlights at the Kowloon Bowling Green on Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m.

At the conclusion of the game a fish and chip party has been arranged.

TEAMS

Northumberland and Durham Association

Rank 1: O. Fingelson, R. Douglas, A. Fletcher, C. Colings.

Rank 2: Mrs. Whitby, M. Williamson, J. Rowan, K. A. Baker.

Rank 3: Mrs. K. A. Baker, R. Winship, H. Black, T. Curry.

Rank 4: Mrs. B. Douglas, Maj. Strother-Stewart, W. Chambers, A. Elliott.

Society of Yorkshiremen in Hong Kong

Rank 1: A. R. Brown, Mrs. B. Stoker, D. W. Leach, W. Stoker (Skip).

Rank 2: G. W. Bellamy, G. N. Bottomley, A. Buckley, C. Pope (Skip).

Rank 3: G. B. Mitchell, Mrs. Ridsdale, E. Wolstenholme, E. Lonsdale (Skip).

Rank 4: N. Sykes, Mrs. Lonsdale, J. Caldwell, H. Ridsdale (Skip).

Reserves: E. R. Sutton & P. Lumb.

Society of Lancastrians

Rank 1: E. Biggart, Mrs. J. D. Underwood, Mrs. R. M. Hetherington, E. Greenwood (Skip).

Rank 2: Mrs. K. Summers, Miss D. Norman, J. B. Dewhurst, H. Finney (Skip).

Rank 3: S. R. Murphy, Mrs. E. Mills, A. Storrer, K. Summers (Skip).

Rank 4: Li-Col. J. B. Underwood, Mrs. A. Storrer, Mrs. E. Greenwood, R. M. Hetherington (Skip).

Japan Beaten

3-2 By India

In Davis Cup

Tokyo, May 20.
India triumphed over Japan by three matches to two today in the Davis Cup Eastern Zone finals.

Narash Kumar, 28-year-old second-ranking Indian player from Calcutta, clinched the victory for India in the first of the two remaining singles with a 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 sweep over Atsushi Miyagi.

Kumar needed only 58 minutes to dispose of Miyagi with his masterful court strategy.

Kosei Kamo defeated Ramanathan Krishnan, tall 19-year-old No. 1 Indian player from Madras, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 in the remaining anti-climactic singles.

Today's crowd included Princess Suga, a daughter of Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako, and Princess Chichibu, widow of the late Prince, a brother of the Emperor.

India will now play the winner of the American-European inter-zone play next December in Australia.—United Press.

A QUICK GOAL

It required only five seconds for the starting whistle for 61 Boys Brigade Company to score against 1 Welsh Company. They netted two more within five minutes, and then lost to match 4-5.

BRITISH OLYMPIC HOPE



Ron Roberts, 24-year-old London policeman who is now Britain's leading free style swimmer, snapped in training at the Lansdowne Club. He is likely to represent Britain at the Olympic Games at Melbourne.—Central Press Photo.

SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

AMATEURS? I ASK YOU!

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

The importance of the Olympic Games is not in winning, but in taking part. You can tell that idealistic fladdoodle to the Marines—or, better still, tell it to Toni Sailer.

For the unimportance of winning three Olympic gold medals at Cortina, he has been given the freedom of the Austrian town of Kitzbuhel, 1,200 square yards of land and building materials for a house!

For being placed in two Olympic ski-jumping events, Andrei Molter became a 950 square yards landowner.

They tell me Sailer has set his mind on becoming a first-class lawn tennis player, but even that highly paid "amateur" sporting pursuit cannot compete with "taking part" in Olympics.

Isn't it high time the word "amateur" disappeared from the international sporting vocabulary?

COMING STARS

League club scouts have been taking an interest in the junior football activities of Accrington Corinthians. Players they reckon measure up to standard are 17-year-olds Keith Kitchener and Peter Dudley.

Player being put through his paces in the West Indies by Jimmy Hill, of Fulham, is Henry Miller, a dusky centre-half who came over here to join fellow Jamaican Lindy Delapenha at Middlesbrough, but returned through ill-health. Lindy hopes Henry will land at Ayresome Park.

I wonder how many suicides followed Brazil's defeat at Wembley. The night Uruguay beat them in the World Cup Final there were 14 in Rio alone. Yes. They're dead serious on Soccer over there.

Reg Halton, former Bury and Leicester wing half-back, has been transferred across the border from Scarborough to Folkestone as a right-arm bowler and a left-hand bat.

HOME TRIP

Leicester City manager, Dave Halliday, is on his native heath to take a look at Jimmy Logan, the Vale of Leven pivot, who has recently been the subject of several inquiries.

Soccer Match Postponed

The Boy Scouts Association announce that the miniature football match between the R.A.F. and the "Seven Tigers" at Boundary Street, Folkestone arranged for Saturday May 20 has been unavoidably postponed until Sunday, May 27 at the same time. All tickets sold will be available for the game on Sunday, May 27.

HUNGARY BEATEN
4-2 AT SOCCER

Vienna, May 20.
Czechoslovakia beat Hungary by 4 goals to 2 in their soccer international in Budapest today according to radio reports picked up here.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

TWELFTH (WHITSUN) RACE MEETING

Saturday 19th and Monday 21st May, 1956

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 22 RACES.

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on the 1st Day.

On the 2nd Day the First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon. The Tiffin Interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

THE 1955 SETS OF MEMBERS BADGES AND LADIES BROOCHES ARE VALID UNTIL THE END OF THE CURRENT RACING SEASON.

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Fry Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$4.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, Chater Road, and 5, D'Agular Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the First Day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 18th May, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, Chater Road, 5, D'Agular Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and 10.00 a.m. on the 2nd Day of the Meeting.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tio Tio men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.



Although the work of the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is planned to meet the needs of this particular community, it is also part of the universal effort to eradicate tuberculosis. Scientists, doctors and others specialising in the treatment of tuberculosis throughout the world have made great discoveries during the last few years, and the fruits of their labours are being made available to sufferers from this disease here in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

The future development and extension of the work of the Association depends very largely upon the Annual Appeal for funds, and it is good to remember that every donation represents an investment in health protection for our children and for ourselves.

Cheques should be crossed and addressed to:

The Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association
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GIVE THAT THEY MAY LIVE

Auxiliary Fire Service Orders

No. 10. Orders by Mr. Peter Cheung, Acting Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service of 19th May, 1956.

Monthly Exercise—District HK-1.—All personnel of (1) District HK-1 and (2) H.K. Control Centre are to be present for the monthly exercise HK-1 which will be held on Sunday, May 20, 1956 commencing at 08.30 hours and H.K. Control Centre personnel report to H.K. Control Centre at 08.45 hours. Orders of Dress: Fireman—Summer uniform (Khaki), leather belt, axe, spanner, pocket line, rubber top boots, etc. (Khaki), Summer uniform (Khaki), black leather shoes, leather belt, peaked cap; Watchkeeper (Female) Summer uniform (Khaki), black nylon stockings, black leather shoes, etc. (Khaki), Summer uniform (Khaki), leather belt, rubber top boots, etc. (Khaki), Summer uniform (Khaki), black leather shoes, leather belt, peaked cap; Watchkeeper (Male) Summer uniform (Khaki), black leather shoes, leather belt, peaked cap; Watchkeeper (Female) Summer uniform (Khaki), black nylon stockings, black leather shoes, etc. (Khaki), Summer uniform (Khaki), leather belt, rubber top boots, etc. (Khaki), Summer uniform (Khaki), black leather shoes, leather belt, peaked cap; Watchkeeper (Male) Summer uniform (Khaki), black leather shoes, leather belt, peaked cap; Watchkeeper (Female) Summer uniform (Khaki), black nylon stockings, black leather shoes, etc. (Khaki), Summer uniform (Khaki), leather belt, rubber top boots, etc. (Khaki), Summer uniform (Khaki), black leather shoes, leather belt, peaked cap; 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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING NOVEL TECHNIQUES THAT AID BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

British Industries Fair Will Feature
Latest In Materials And Supplies

By PHILIP MARSH

WITH around £1,260 million worth of new buildings under construction in Britain last year, it is hardly surprising that new processes and materials should find growing application—and receive thorough testing.

Such projects as the £50 million New Barbican scheme, which aims to supply the City of London with a self-contained residential area including underground car-park, shops, offices and flats, and the London County Council's £7 million Crystal Palace scheme, open up exciting new building vistas.

Even more important, perhaps, they point the way to a widening appreciation of architectural possibilities among laymen which will, in turn, encourage still further experimentation in British building techniques.

Behind all this progress is a story of research to which Britain's Building Research Station has made a big contribution. It has, for instance, carried out valuable work on pre-stressed concrete—one of the newer structural materials—and on heat insulation, and has devised a method of utilising the finely-divided ash produced by power stations burning pulverised coal in the manufacture of building bricks.

In another field, as a result of the Station's development of the single-stack system of drainage for blocks of flats in the London area, a saving of about 40 per cent was effected in the cost of pipework.

The evolution of new supplies and methods has, of course, gone on side by side with the maximum use of traditional materials. Britain's brick production is now around 7,000 million annually, cement output is at a record tonnage, plasterboard is being produced at a rate of 55 million square yards a year. With its good wearing qualities, asbestos cement is growing in popularity in the form of corrugated roofing sheets and rain water goods. As an alternative to lead and iron pipes copper has had a certain vogue since, although expensive, it can be used in comparatively thin gauge. Here, though, corrosion-resistant polythene tubing presents another alternative, and one that is supplying it in all standard sizes up to 12 inch.

A SIGNIFICANT advance is the introduction by the Ruberoid Company, 1-19, New Oxford Street, London, W.C1, of reinforced glass fibre roofing. It is completely inert, and to ensure good tensile strength the fabric is strengthened with a pattern of additional glass reinforcement spaced at one inch intervals.

From another company, Sealcrete Products Ltd., Hyde Road, London, N.W10, comes a new mortar plaster which, incorporated into a mortar or rendering, increases its strength and density.

One of the most versatile building metals is aluminium, and British metallurgists and engineers have played a big part in recent years in producing a wide range of new alloys.

Aluminium's low weight and high corrosion resistance have made it ideal for temporary buildings, such as the "pre-fabs" which helped solve Britain's post-war housing problem, and laid the foundation for an entirely new export industry. Apart from its use as wall cladding, it is favoured as a roofing medium—for sheets, chimney aprons, gutters, eaves and vent pipe flashings, bay and eavey tops.

One United Kingdom firm is currently manufacturing an aluminium building sheet incorporating a simple snap-joint along the full length of overlapping corrugations, while other markets a cladding which is fixed to the roof on the principle of a zip fastener, eliminating nuts, bolts and other fastenings.

Aluminium, too, is being increasingly used for window frames where, on the whole, metal has been growing in popularity at the expense of timber.

A NUMBER of new construction techniques have evolved, among them shot concrete, and pre-stressed concrete.

One British firm is now specialising in pre-stressed steelwork. Since the war slotted angle has made great strides, not only

Tired? Just Step On The Home Escalator



A moving stair designed for use in the home—and to make life easier for the aged, the infirm and the merely leg-weary was shown last week at the Mechanical Handling Exhibition, London. The domestic escalator (called the Bennis) forms a double width bottom stair when it is parked at the foot of the staircase. The passenger, who may stand or sit, has only to press a button and the stair moves along unobtrusively aluminium guides resting on the stair nosings. It stops automatically when reaching the top and stands ready to make the return trip. The motive power is supplied by a half-horse power reversible electric motor fitted in the usual recess beneath the stairs and attached to the moving stair by two multi-stranded wire ropes. The stair can still be used by those who wish to go on foot.—Reuterphoto.

WIRE ROPE TERMINALS

A new form of terminal, designed as an attachment to wire ropes of any known specification, has been produced by the Tulloch Construction Company, Ltd., of 70, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey, England.

Known as the Tulloch Terminal, they consist of compact assemblies of three simple units which, when assembled, form a terminal locking the wire rope to the assembly, thus forming a connection which cannot come apart.

The assembly comprises a sleeve, to accommodate a given size and diameter of wire rope; a plug, which is inserted to separate and hold the strands of wire rope; and a terminal which can be made to suit any given application.

The sleeve and the terminal are made of forged alloy steel and the insert of shell cast gummetal.

The complete assembly, therefore, provides a strong terminal designed to exceed the strength of the wire rope to which it is attached.

The firm claims that their advantages are simplicity, strength, speed of assembly, and economy. They can be fitted by unskilled labour using a hammer, spanner and vice.

Terminals will withstand hammering, vibration or other industrial hazards. An inspection hole is provided in each terminal to ensure that the attachment is secure. Standard ranges offered at present range from one-eighth inch to one inch.

BICYCLE PUMP ATOMISER

An enterprising firm of chemists has been calculating that there are 12,000,000 bicycle owners in Britain who are potential users of their spray insecticides.

The firm, Ashe Laboratories, Ltd., of Leatherhead, Surrey, England, one of the world's largest producers of chlorophyll, has recently patented an atomiser which can be screwed to an ordinary bicycle pump to produce a fine vapour-like spray.

Three of the most powerful insecticides known are sold in capsule form with the atomiser. They are a combination of dieldrin, lindane and pyrethrum extract, each capsule being sufficient for 300 sprays.

There are different kits for different purposes—the insecticide is in red and white packs containing red capsules, the room freshener and odour killer is in blue and white packs containing blue capsules. The kit, called Spraycap, consists of the atomiser and four capsules; the pack is the size of a 20-cigarrette package.

The firm states that the insecticide supplied is both volatile and residual. Walls, floors and

Molten Metal Temperature Measurement

The Cambridge Instrument Company Ltd., of 13, Grosvenor Place, London, SW1, has recently introduced thermocouples suitable for measuring the temperature of molten non-ferrous metals—brass, bronze, aluminium alloys and the like—and cast iron.

For temperatures up to 1,100 degrees Centigrade, thermocouple elements of chromel/platinum, approximately 30 inches long, are used, threaded through a mild steel tube with a junction box at one end and a removable closed-ended graphite sheath at the other.

The self-lubricating properties of the sheath protect it from binding when it is subjected to heat. It is, therefore, easily replaceable.

Mild Steel Tube

Below the junction box, the mild steel tube is fitted with a shield to protect the cold junction of the thermocouple from the heat radiated by molten metal.

For high temperatures, up to 1,500 degrees Centigrade, the thermocouple elements are of rare metals (platinum-rhodium) and the mild steel tube is replaced by one of nickel-chrome.

The element wires are about four feet long, the surplus wire being wound on small reels contained in the junction box.

The device makes allowance for the removal of the thermocouple tip when deterioration occurs.

The average lag of both types is 25 to 28 seconds when the graphite sheath is new, falling to 10 to 20 seconds as the sheath wall gets thinner with use.

Asbestos-covered compensating leads are used to connect the thermocouple to the indicator or recorder, thus rendering the outfit independent of fluctuations in the temperature at the junction box end of the thermocouple wires.

Anti-Roll Device For Small Craft

Fishing fleets and users of other small craft will be interested in a new type of anti-rolling fin produced by Vooper, Ltd., of Broad Street, Portsmouth, England.

The firm claims that the fins give an 80 per cent reduction in roll.

They have already been installed in two vessels, and orders have been received for fins for a yacht of 220 tons and for a vessel of 600 tons.

As the fins have been designed for fitting and removal by a diver, they can be removed for inspection or maintenance without the need to enter dry dock.

Of low aspect ratio (small outreach), so that a saving of weight and space can be secured, the fins are non-retractable.

A high-pressure hydraulic system operating small rams which work similarly to the undercarriage retraction equipment of aircraft, operates the stabilising fins.

It is stated that the fitting of stabilisers to fishing vessels need not cost a great deal of money, and that there would be no need to allocate a special department for the maintenance work.

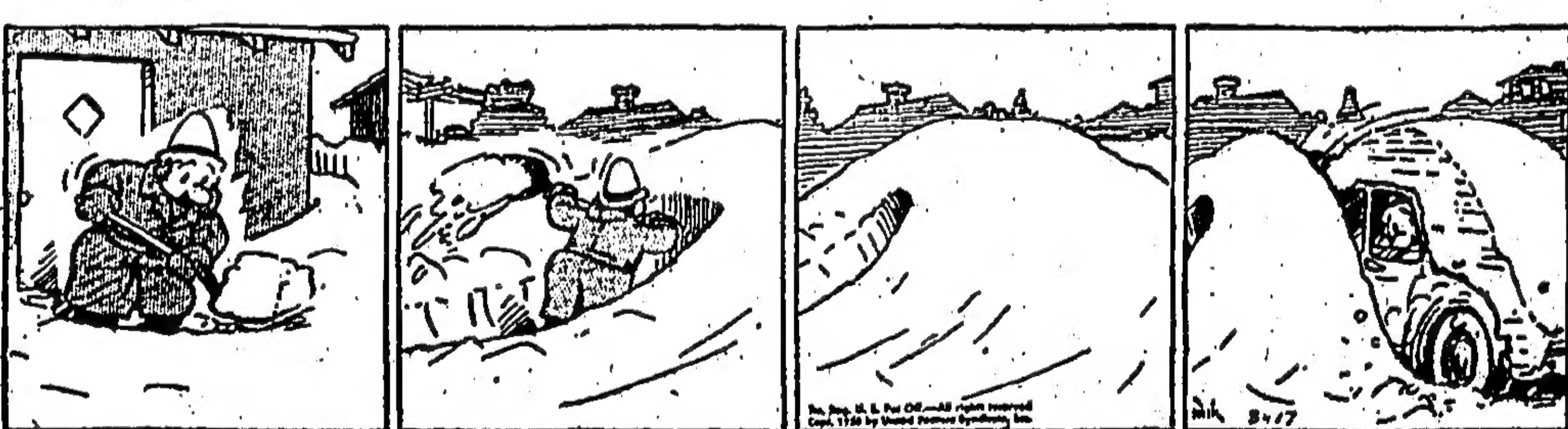
MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

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JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Demands For Easier Money

NY COTTON
FUTURES
END HIGH

By William T. Plunkett

New York, May 20.
Cotton futures bobbed up and down on the price ladder this past week, covering a range of about \$2 a bale, then finished with prices on the high end of the season.

At Friday's close the list ruled 11 to 37 points higher, or up 55 cents to \$1.85 a bale from the preceding week. Nearly July, the single extension, closed off 9 points, or 45 cents a bale.

May contracts went off the board on Monday, holding at the season's best level of 35.98 cents a pound, the succeeding July contract, for a time, borrowed strength from May, but ran into stiff resistance at the 34 1/2 cents level.

Opposition in July also was coupled with the expression of theory that being the last trading month of the old crop year, it faces competition with the new crop, which will be supported at a lower level.

LOWER PRICE
Moreover, since the ensuing crop deliveries will be at lower price basis, contract deliveries might prove to be heavy. Also, experts noted, the export demand, for the most part, will be satisfied out of Government stocks, while mills may act to cut inventories of raw cotton with the object of replacing at lower prices later on.

A news feature of the week was the announcement of Government sales of 223,544 bales out of the surplus stock for export at a price range of 20.25 to 27.50 cents a pound, basis middling 15/16 inch. This came as a surprise to many who had predicted the quantity would be very small, and possibly at lower prices.

The Census Bureau reported domestic consumption of raw cotton in April at 721,577 bales compared with 816,396 bales used in March and 695,188 bales consumed in April last year. The daily rate of use in April reached 36,759 bales compared with 30,656 bales used in March and 34,750 bales used in April last year.—United Press.

New York Stocks
Finish
Above Their Lows

By Elmer Walzer

New York, May 20.
Stocks declined further this past week although they finished the final session above their lows.

This lift came because of a rally on Thursday after the industrial average had dropped in eight straight sessions.

The recovery was considered merely technical after a sharp drop. The industrial average showed a loss of 10.33 points from the recovery high of April 25 and was down 28.35 points from the record high of April 6. It closed the week at 490.39, off 4.88 points from the previous week's close.

Bulls lost 2.70 points on the week to finish at 175.17. Utilities, however, were up 0.21 point on the week to finish at 60.17 on average.

Tight Money
Reasons for the decline were the tight money and the fact that some were pessimistic about the future of the economy.

In United States
HOUSING AND AUTOMOBILE
INDUSTRIES HARD HIT

By JOHN MORKA

New York, May 20.

There's a new economic bogeyman in the US these days. Only a few short weeks ago, everyone worried about inflation. They talked about rising prices, over-borrowing by businessmen and housewives and of impending doom.

TEXTILE
MARKET
SLUGGISH

New York, May 20.

Most sellers of grey and finished cotton textiles reported another week of disappointingly slow business.

The end-April buying boom in print cloths, when "tens of millions" of yards were sold to chain and mail order houses, garment cutters and piece goods buyers, as a "one week wonder," brokers declared.

Market analysts continued to blame the long spell of unseasonably cold and rainy weather for the discouraging turn of event. Yet a lingering hope existed among sellers that the next six weeks will bring enough sunshine and business to balance out against the past six weeks of gloom.

Mill executives meanwhile said they are confronted with an extra dilemma. While buyers keep holding off, waiting for better weather, or lower cotton prices, manufacturers production costs keep going up.

MACHINERY BOOST
Some mill managers complained of a 10 per cent boost in the cost of machinery replacements since March 2. On top of that, they are worried about another round of wage increases for mill workers.

Pressure from second-hand makers some weavers uneasy and inclined to meet the competition, but other firms held the price line. Some contended that they can carry the goods until August or September and still sell them at a profit.

Yarn spinners termed the market as "sluggish" as buyers, probing lower prices, placed small purchase orders for all in stocks. But spokesmen for manufacturers clung to the belief the market will witness a marked improvement about mid-July. By that time consumers will have worked down inventories and be through with their vacation largely on a hand-to-mouth basis. Business ruled quiet with no significant change in prices.—United Press.

starts were reported. A strike in a US Steel subsidiary kept steel operations down from capacity. The time for steel wage negotiations—May 28—near and frightened some traders who anticipated a long strike.

With the market making a poor showing some investors chose to realize profits which were big ones and subject to long-term capital gains taxes. This type of selling, however, was small as noted in the daily sales totals. Tobacco moved up Friday after Liggett & Myers announced a price rise not followed by the other makers of cigarettes.

Glass issues had losses ranging to 7 1/2 points on Owens Corning. Bethlehem lost 1 1/2 points. Lumber, however, gained 1 1/2 points. Kresge's raised its dividend and declared a special dividend which sent the stock up more than 5 on the week.—United Press.

So much so, retrenchment became the fashionable thing. Credit—personal and business—became tighter to get interest rates rose to the highest levels in over 20 years.

But nowadays there's less talk of inflation as the threat to America's health and home, more of deflation, with all its depressing connotations. At least that's what more and more Americans are saying these days.

Defer Purchase
Almost daily, there are new demands for some easing of the credit brakes. The home building industry—still pointing sharply downward—demands the Government make money easier. The hard-hit auto industry—led by General Motors President Harlow Curtice—blames its glut of 800,000 unsold autos on the Government's credit policies which he charged, lowered confidence and caused consumers to defer purchases.

The housing industry made a strong plea for Government credit relief. Spokesmen for builders and realtors complain that housing starts in April are down 20 per cent from the year-ago pace. They say the situation won't correct itself and insist that the Federal Reserve Board and other Government agencies must increase the supply of credit so that more people can obtain Government-backed loans at 4 1/2 per cent.

The next few weeks will be watched closely by Government experts for signs as to what effect current credit curbs are taking. If present indications are borne out, then it is expected that the summer might see some easing in the credit picture.

Continue Unabated
Many feel that capital outlays are at or about their peaks and it is expected that by summer, buying for inventory will have dropped, market men look in the overall demand for financing.

About the only place where credit appears to be relatively unimportant, these days is in Wall Street. Of course, the financial district would welcome some new gesture to make funds available. Wall Street would like to see credit go into industry so that the boom can continue unabated. The release of credit might be inflationary, but here, too, market men look with favour on a boost along that line. Inflation is supposed to help common stocks because they are presumed to be a hedge against deflation. They are supposed to rise as fast as Escobar Falls so that the holder is protected against dollar shrinkage.

As for the stock market itself, there's little need for credit. The market these days is practically a cash market, in contrast with the one of 1929 which was pyramided on credit.

In the oil section, the President of Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. warned that unless US firms seize the initiative now in overseas investment "the future prospects for doing so may well be lost to us."

Labour Movement
Harry E. Prioleau said that if "dynamic capitalism" does not reverse the trend in many foreign nations toward state operation of industry and a growing mistrust of American motives in these countries, US investments will be squeezed out of these rich potential markets.

Mr. Prioleau addressed the 40th annual meeting here of the National Industrial Conference Board.

He called for an imaginative programme to sell the free enterprise system and more corporate technical assistance programmes to get along

abroad one must often go beyond what one would consider the customary obligations of good corporate citizenship," he declared.

The President of the big Asiatic Oil Company did not minimize the risks and uncertainties inherent in investment in foreign nations.

He listed as "imposing" barriers to overseas investment, the difficulties in getting profits out of a country, a rising labour movement in countries which have recently attained their independence, and the tendency of foreign governments to subsidize local competing industries.

Men's Minds
But Mr. Prioleau stressed that American industry's 18 billion dollar stake in overseas nations is vital. "We would have to turn back the clock many years as far as our living standards are concerned," he said, "if the raw materials of these countries were ever lost to us."

"If we are uninspired and unimaginative—if we should default at a time in the world's history when conflicting ideologies and systems are competing for men's minds, the result could well mean the end of our way of life," he declared.—United Press.

RECOVERY
OF ACID

New York, May 20.
A division of the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation has patented a method for the recovery of contaminated or used chromic acid solutions used in chromium plating, anodizing and copper stripping operations. It is being made generally available for industrial use without the requirement of any formal licence, the company said.

The process is described as involving exchange treatment for the removal of metallic impurities of iron, copper, aluminium and other metals by passing solutions through a polyvinyl aryl compound. Such treatment on a hydrogen cycle permits the recovery of baths which have become inoperable.—China Mail Special.

The Bank Of England
Statement

London, May 20.
The Bank of England statement for the week ended May 16, reads as follows:

Note in circulation 1,650,285,493
Public deposits 22,709,810
Private deposits 22,814,728
Government securities 291,761,629
Other securities 37,417,784
Reserves 48,128,230
Ratio 6.1
—United Press.

The Bank Of France
Statement

Paris, May 20.
The Bank of France statement for the week ended May 9, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings 29,225,224,445
Total foreign currencies 17,721,713,396
Private holdings 10,210,000,000
Government securities 12,210,000,000
Other securities 12,210,000,000
Reserves 12,210,000,000
Ratio 6.1
—United Press.

REACTION
TO GSA
BARTER

New York, May 20.

The amended directive announced by Mr. Arthur Flemming, Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization recently covering procurement by the General Services Administration (GSA) which allows for the barter of domestic agricultural products for lead and zinc met with a mixed reception in the trade here.

Some traders felt that if the CCC, which under the plan would barter or exchange the domestic agricultural commodities for the metals, were to acquire foreign lead or zinc, it might aid the sagging markets abroad.

So far the decline in the prices of these metals on the London Metal Exchange has not constituted any serious threat to the domestic market, but it might well become so if prices abroad should undergo a further serious decline.

Others pointed out that with domestic lead and zinc consumption falling off the probability was that the offers of domestically produced lead to the GSA for the stockpile would show a material increase. If that was the case the question would be raised as to whether the Government would still encourage the acquisition of foreign metal for the supplemental stockpile.—China Mail Special.

DUTCH-ISRAELI
AGREEMENT

The Hague, May 20.
Dutch-Israeli trade talks, held here from May 1-14, have led to a new trade agreement for the period May 1, 1956—April 30, 1957, the Economic Affairs Ministry announced.

The overall value of goods to be exchanged between the two countries in the period is estimated at about 40 million guilders. Last year Dutch imports from Israel were 11.8 million and exports 37.1 million.

Holland will supply mainly agricultural products, fats and oils, chemical and pharmaceutical products, textiles and metal products.

The main Israeli products to be exported to the Netherlands are citrus fruit and other agricultural products.—China Mail Special.

U. S. COTTON
CONSUMPTION

Washington, May 20.
The Census Bureau said today that 721,577 running bales of cotton were consumed in the US in April compared to 695,188 during April, 1955.

In its monthly report on cotton and lint statistics, the Bureau said 7,011,573 bales were consumed during the nine months through April 1956, compared to 6,722,182 during the same period a year ago.

Cotton on hand in public storage and consuming establishments totaled 18,260,844 bales on the last working day of April, compared to 13,035,063 on the similar day of 1955.

The Census Bureau said there were 19,280,000 active cotton-consuming spindles in the US on April 28.—United Press.

INDIA'S RIGID
CONTROL

New Delhi, May 20.
Indian Commerce Minister Dr. Karmarkar today forecast rigid control of import consumer goods during India's second five-year period.

He told an import advisory council that the government's general policy will give highest priority to import of machinery and equipment for basic industries and transportation, along with industrial raw materials.

He said that during the next five years, India must import \$2,000,000,000 worth of machinery and equipment and \$1,500,000,000 worth of metals.

This huge drain on foreign exchange resources will leave little room for consumer goods, he said.—United Press.

Singapore Rubber
Millers
Desperate

Singapore, May 20.
Rubber milling factories in Singapore were in a "very precarious position" because they could not get enough raw materials from Indonesia, the president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Tan Siak Kew, said here today.

Of all the factories in the Colony, only three or four were working, Mr. Tan said.

Indonesia's policy, he explained, was to reserve its rubber latex for its own mills.

Even if the Indonesian Government released surplus for export, the price for buyers in Singapore might be too high for local mills to operate economically, Mr. Tan added.—Reuter.

London Oils
Push
UpwardBy C. T. Hallinan
London, May 20.

The London Stock Market last week saw oils on the upside with Royal Dutch gaining 1/2 sterling to £77 1/2 (its 1956 high thus far is £80) while British Petroleum—on a market rumour that a free scrip issue is imminent—gained 9 shillings to 148s. 9d. And Burmah rose 2 shillings. Anglo-Egyptian "B" lost 2 shillings and sixpence.

In some ways the biggest figure of the week has been the quickly emerging figure of British Petroleum. People have tended to assume that it was severely damaged when it was pushed out of its monopoly in Persia but the company's annual report and a Chairman's remarks call attention to the fact that the company's fifty-five share of oil reserves of Kuwait give it over 19 per cent of the world's proved oil reserves while its share of current oil production is only 6 per cent.

HAS THE OIL
That is to say, unlike most of the big oil companies, it need waste no more of its resources on exploring for oil; it has the oil which is more than half the battle. Its shares—viewed from this long term angle—are now voted the cheapest and the most promising open to British investors.

Tendency in the week has been to get out of foreign bonds. German 7 per cent Polish sold at a rate to lower the price 4 sterling to a new 1956 low of £238.

In the Japanese list there was a bit more activity in the assorted bonds than in the non-assorted. The 1910s assorted fell 2 1/2 while the more speculative non-assorted eased only one-half sterling. The whole list was fairly quiet.

British Government stocks continue to be baffling. The shorts and the near-shorts tend to resist selling but those with a life of 10 years or more seem to drop if anybody says so. Last week Old Consols and "Daltons" fell 10s while one of the railway nationalisation loans fell 12 shillings 6 pence but the huge war loan, very popular with foreigners, lost only 3 shillings 9 pence.—United Press.

US RAW COTTON
EXPORTS

New York, May 20.
Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season to May 18 were as follows:

Britain 17,754
Continental 36,451
Orient 12,210
Czechs 12,210
Total for season 108,625
Same period last year 108,625
—United Press.

US Textile Industry
Spending Millions
On Research

New York, May 20.

The US textile industry is spending millions on developing new uses for a new type of loomless fabrics.

An estimated \$5,000,000 is being spent in intensive research by some of the leading textile companies in America to promote this infant industry—which many feel has a tremendous potential as new applications and uses are uncovered in the laboratories.

So far most of the principal uses of these non-woven fabrics are as towels, napkins, disposable draperies, interlinings in apparel and industrial fields, ribbons, wiping cloths. Non-woven asbestos cloth for pipe coating is also finding acceptance.

Thus on the basis of present research on non-wovens, no one thinks that the British—long the premier wool source—need worry about losing their present stronghold in the American woolen market.

It is pointed out that the British woolen industry—especially in the lower and medium grades—might meet increasingly stronger competition from other countries, notably Japan and Italy, where labour costs are lower.

Little To Fear
Trade leaders see a big future ahead for non-wovens but they cautiously point out that its future is still pretty much wrapped up in the test tubes and laboratories.

There's no amount of optimism. But they also see a long and arduous road ahead. They realize that it will take lots of selling, promotion and money before the industry can entrench itself in the American fashion market.

On that basis, therefore, non-woven experts feel the British have little to fear—at least for the time being.—United Press.

WORLD'S
SHIPYARD
TONNAGE

New York, May 20.
The world's shipyards had 1,833 ships, aggregating 18,694,310 gross tons, on order as of April 1, compared with 1,780 ships totaling 17,820,546 gross tons on Jan. 1, according to the Shipbuilders Council of America.

On April 1, 1955, these shipyards had 1,402 ships of 11,970,688 gross tons on order.

The Council noted that the latest figures do not include Polish shipyards where reports indicate there are 50 ships of 130,000 gross tons on order.

Great Britain again was well in the lead with 458 ships of 4,332,268 gross tons, followed by Japan with 207 ships of 3,351,810 tons and Germany with 456 ships of 2,927,501 tons.

US shipyards continued to hold the 10th spot with 30 ships of 437,160 tons.

The above figures include only ships of 1,000 gross tons or over.—United Press.



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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"When you were cutting teeth I picked you up when you cried—so you must be spoiled too!"

RADIO HONGKONG

12 noon, Ted Heath and his Music with Dennis Lally, Kathy Lloyd, Bobbie Houston (BBC), 12.30 p.m. Double Attraction, Hoagy Carmichael (vocal), Ella and Paloma (vocal), 1. Time Signal, "Waiting for Paul Lincke", London Promenade Orchestra, 1.15 News, Weather Report and Special Announcements, 1.30 BBC Concert Hall, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Conductor: Sir Malcolm Sargent (BBC), 2.30, "From the Gay Nineties to the Roaring Twenties" with Rhiel Merman, The Mitchell Boys Choir and Old Timers Quartet, 3. "Drama at Night" A Play by Lennox Robinson, Produced by John Gilman (BBC), 4. Jazz Concert with Humphrey Lyttelton and his Band, 4.30, "Two Hearts in Three Quarter Time" (Robert Stolt), Light Opera sung by the Viennese Light Opera Company, conducted by The Composer, 5.30 (Teppan) Cymbal and Melodica, 6.30, "Magnificent Obsession" Music from the film, played by Universal-International Orchestra with Chorus, 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary, 6.35, New Hits in Variety, 6.50, Australian Magazine, 7.40, "Box 207" Bert Gillett at the Organ (Recorded), 7.45, Popular Classics, 7.50, Latin American Music from Buenos Aires and Rio, 7.55, Weather Report, 8. Time Signal and The News (London Relay), 8.05, Commentary (London Relay), or Special Announcements, 8.15, Evening Star — Barbra Streisand (vocal), 8.20, "Carole" sung by Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones and other members of the film production, Orch. and Piano, 8.30, Alfred Newman, 9.30, Sonata for cello and piano in E minor, Op. 38 (Brahms), 10. Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards in "Take It From Here" Alma Cogan, June Whitfield, Wally Eaton with the Keynotes (BBC), Repeat of last Saturday's Broadcast, 10.30, A Tribute to Buncey, Popular Continental Orchestras, 10.55, Weather Report, 11. Time Signal, Radio News, Reel (London Relay), 11.15, Goodnight Music, 11.30, Queen Elizabeth Sleepyhead, Commentary from Hurst Park (London Relay), 11.45 Close Down.

Mail Notices

GENERAL HOLIDAY MONDAY, MAY 21
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY, MAY 22
Thailand, 10 a.m.
By Air
Thailand, 10 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Kunming, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Latin, 6 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

SHOW BUSINESS keeps a date with-

MISS DANDRIDGE by CANDLELIGHT

I find she's a girl who keeps her ego in place

COCKY, a stuffed toy dog (cocker spaniel) was on the floor beside the sofa, standing guard on his mistress, Dorothy Dandridge.

I sat in one corner of the sofa. Miss Dandridge was curled comfortably in the other. Just Cocky, Dorothy and me (which is surely a title for a pop song) in the lounge of her hotel suite.

Miss Dandridge, who was the hot chocolate star of that film "Carmen Jones" in which she sang with a dubbed voice, has arrived to sing in cabaret at the Savoy—with her own voice.

Apart from her stuffed animals Miss Dandridge has brought the standard equipment for a cabaret lady—chimmering evening gowns (about 10) costing \$700 each.

Plus one non-standard piece of equipment. Her own candleabra.

It's brass! stood on the coffee table before us. She moved it to the table which had been wheeled in for dinner. She switched out the lights and lit the candles.

The stage was set. Too well set. I am not complaining. I am not offering to switch jobs with a polar explorer. But only a columnist made of paper and tied together with typewriter ribbons could concentrate entirely on interviewing in such a setting. I am not made of paper.

It was almost unfair. And unnecessary.

I would, I think, be impressed by Miss Dandridge even in the harshest lighting and even over a flimsy sandwich in a crowded railway station buffet.

She is intelligent and stimulating as well as beautiful. Unlike many pop singers her conversation is not as banal as her song lyrics. And her ego, like her bustline, is not inflated to absurd fashionably Hollywood proportions.

She still seems a little surprised that "Carmen Jones" has made her an international star with a plushy seven-year Hollywood contract.

Money (her earnings from cabaret now average £70,000 a

year) and success, she said, apologising for trotting out a truism, don't guarantee happiness.

But they needn't make you miserable either, if you have the right mental approach. Miss Dandridge obviously has the right mental approach.

She is a student of psychiatry—she found room in her huge sag, among the candleabra and gowns, for a book on Freud—but she is not at the moment a patient of psychiatrists.

The harsh subject of the colour bar cropped up in the soft candlelight.

"I can't honestly say that I've suffered in my career because I'm a Negro.

"Mind you, I was a bit puzzled recently when I appeared in cabaret in Las Vegas and found that no Negro—not even my mother—would be welcomed in the audience."

While I lifted her cherished candleabra to light my cigarette (she wasn't offended) she complained that she has been badly and confusingly misrepresented since she arrived.

1. AS an insatiable male-dreamer like Carmen. Not true. Her appetites for the male were normal—and usually under control. Her marriage and divorce scores were below show business par. Only one of each.

2. AS the daughter of a clergyman. Not true. Her father was a cabinetmaker.

3. AS saying that there is no such thing as sex appeal. What she had meant was that sex appeal didn't exist if it depended only on the physical attributes. It must come from within. It was an inner glow.

"You don't have to be a beauty to have sex appeal. Look at Anna Magnani."

I preferred to look at Dorothy Dandridge. But it was time to go.

To use the title of one of her songs it was time to "blow out the candles." But not as the song says, "no there'll be no candles"—I'm sorry to report.



By LOGAN GOURLAY

She told me she has quite a collection of these stuffed dogs—a pink poodle, a white poodle, and a bulldog, called Godfrey. "I'd prefer real live pets, of course. But I couldn't look after them—I travel around so much in this job. So Cocky and Co. are the next best thing. He's cute, and cuddly, isn't he?"

I have nothing against dogs—stuffed or live—but she herself was, I thought, much cuter and cuddlier.

"I love candlelight," she said. "Always dine by it at home—in my apartment in Hollywood."

"The place is full of candleabras. And, of course, I use one in my act."

"Yes. But I was using mine before him."

There is, I need hardly add, no other similarity between Dandridge and Liberace, except that they both wear sequins.

Miss Dandridge's imported candleabras ("No, it's not silver.

Don't let NATO fool you

It's a sham that costs millions

by Robert J. Edwards

SOON—to use Mr Selwyn Lloyd's unhappy phrase—the "three wise men" of NATO will start on their travels. They are the Foreign Ministers of Canada, Norway and Italy. And their mission is to find some means of giving NATO a face-lift.

I hope they fail, for if they don't Britain will suffer. Already hundreds of millions of our own money have been burned up by NATO. For here is the sad truth about this European organisation—its truth known, of course, to the Russians. Militarily, NATO is a sham. We might just as well stuff pound notes into an incinerator.

FULFILLED

Britain has so fulfilled her North Atlantic Treaty obligations that she has the heaviest defence burden in the world. What of the European nations? Look, first, at one of the principal NATO signatories, France. How many men does she possess in NATO to resist the invader?

Not 5,000 men. And most of these are unequipped for battle. France's fighting power is elsewhere—across the Mediterranean in Algeria, at war with the nationalists. A quarter of a million of her soldiers are there. They are now being reinforced by what is left in West Germany of the French Fifth and Seventh Armoured Divisions. So France is out of NATO, and for a long time to come. That is fact number one.

ADENAUER'S IDEA

Fact number two: Germany's contribution of 500,000 men has not yet materialised. There are generals, but no troops. And that, apart from the addition of a few extra platoons—the harvest of Europe's most reluctant recruitment, drive—is likely to remain the position for just as long as the Germans can get away with it.

Dr Adenauer intends to reap further trade and prosperity for Germany, while we plough still more of our resources into the production of arms. That is how he interprets his obligations to NATO.

Now look eastwards at Turkey and Greece. Both are of great strategic value. And both are in NATO. But draw no solace from that. For one or the other is certain to go.

NO CONCERN

If we quit Cyprus, the Turks will never forgive us. They will say that we have surrendered the Turkish minority to the Greeks. If we stay—as the Government intends—be sure the Greeks will eventually withdraw from NATO—in protest.

We lose one. We keep the other. But neither shows much concern for NATO. They are far more devoted to the quarrel among themselves and Greek-wise—against Britain.

Where else does NATO crumble? Most of all, in Iceland. Her parliament has gone one better than all the others. She has given the U.S. army, navy and air force contingents on the island 18 months' notice to leave. Under his treaty obligations, law-abiding Uncle Sam is bound to comply.

THE LOSS

The loss has still to be confirmed in an Icelandic general election on June 24. But there is no doubt about the result. NATO will be evicted—and the West deprived of.

(a) A half-way-to-Moscow flying station, less than four hours' bomber time from the Russian capital. The flying station, at Keflavik airfield, also enables jet fighters to be flown to Europe from America. Instead of being dismantled and shipped by sea—a hazardous business in war, and hopelessly slow.

(b) A radar station giving first warning that Russian bombers are on their way.



ICELAND—Most of all NATO trembles there.

(c) An invaluable naval, submarine and anti-submarine base. That, then, is the NATO picture. What does it add up to? I will tell you. Fourteen divisions from the Baltic to the Alps. Ten divisions in reserve. Against the NATO army are ranged 65 Russian armoured and mechanised divisions, 110 infantry divisions, and 80 divisions from the enslaved countries of Eastern Europe.

IT IS PLAIN

Thus it is plain that NATO is not the way to hold the Russians army in check. But do not be disturbed. For before NATO, before we committed the criminal folly of attempting to disarm the Germans, there was not even a sham defence system against the Russians. And yet they did not march.

How much less likely are they to march now—with Stalin, the madman, dead, and both sides possessing weapons that would destroy capitalism, Communism and us all.

So I say: Squander no further British resources on NATO. Withdraw altogether. Smash the defence bill accordingly. Above all reject entirely whatever face-lift proposals the "three wise men" unearth, whether political, economic or military.

IT'S IN BRITAIN

The way to defeat Communism, and to enrich our own islands, is by sustaining the Commonwealth and Empire. By showing the underdogs of the world that we have more to offer them in equality, education and wealth than the Communism that now beckons them.

And it so happens that the underdogs are not in Europe. Nor is it in Europe that the threat to peace lies.

France and Germany know that. That is why they don't give a fig for NATO. Nor should we.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Cheap At The Price

TOM is a Yorkshireman, and to many such Leeds is the queen of cities, outshining dull provincial settlements like Paris, Rome, Vienna. Dr Johnson, true Yorkshiremen believe, was misquoted when he said: "...when a man is tired of London he is tired of life..." He meant Leeds.

There are, of course, in Yorkshire, as in all communities, occasional dissenters from the general view. One such Tom seems to have been.

He was in Leeds the other afternoon. Spring had laid its hand upon the fair city, touching bridges with its special brand of magic, bringing on the bulbs in Roundhay Park, Contentment should have abounded, but Tom was not content. Leeds seemed to him like a prison.

INSPIRATION

HE strolled to the City Station, hoping, perhaps, to sweep off his wanderlust vicariously, by watching other people quit the city.

At the station, a loudspeaker voice was intoning the arrival and departure of trains. Tom caught scintillating phrases, the hiss of escaping steam. "The next train to leave from platform ... is the ... for London."

Inspiration came suddenly to Tom. As he was later to recall: "I heard that about the train for London, and I said to myself, that's the one for me. I'll take that one, so I went and got a ticket."

A PLATFORM TICKET

HE did not go to the booking office, however, but to the nearest platform-ticket machine. He put in a penny, drew out a ticket, and a few moments later joined the London train.

Next morning, at the Clerkenwell coast, Tom, a greying man of 49, clapper, and wearing a neatly trimmed, mouse-colored suit, pleaded guilty to the charge of travelling without paying his fare.

A policeman told what he could of Tom's life story. "There are three previous convictions," he said to the magistrate, "Mr. E. C. Bowley. But two of these were prior to 1934. The last was in 1932, for stealing a raincoat on display outside a shop."

"Does he work?" the magistrate asked.

GOOD WORK RECORD

"YES, Mr. Justice," he told the magistrate, "I'm a labourer in an engineering firm."

He left his last job three days ago—he had been there two months. Before that he was for two years a school caretaker in Hull.

"Had he any money on him when he was arrested?"

"No, he had £1," the magistrate turned to Tom, and asked him what he had to say. Tom told of his inspiration at Leeds City Station. "I just got a platform ticket," he said, "and jumped on 'train."

"Did you have anything else you want to say?"

INADEQUATE, BUT...

"WELL, I'm sorry, I suppose," Tom answered, as if he grudged every syllable of the admission.

The magistrate wrote in his register, then turned again to Tom. "The penalty I'm going to impose," he said, "is totally inadequate. But you've not done this sort of thing before. If you do it again, you will go to prison. You must pay a fine of 15s."

"Thanks very much, sir," Tom said.

He might well have been grateful. The fine represented a saving of 15s. 2d. on the single fare from Leeds.

REDIFFUSION

13 noon, Time Signal, 1.15 p.m. Double Attraction, Hoagy Carmichael (vocal), Ella and Paloma (vocal), 1. Time Signal, "Waiting for Paul Lincke", London Promenade Orchestra, 1.15 News, Weather Report and Special Announcements, 1.30, BBC Concert Hall, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Conductor: Sir Malcolm Sargent, 2.30, Variety Calls the Tune, 3. Secret of Santa Vind, Narrated by Clive Brooks, 3.30, Music by Lopez, 4. Romance of the World, The Story of Desire, Queen of Sweden, 4.15, The Two, 4.30, Strictly Instrumental, 5. Children's Corner, Conducted by Annie Margaret, 5.30, Monday Recital, Presented by Betty, 6.30, Birthday Mailbox, 6.30, La Musique Française, Presented by Jeanette Pitt, 7. Personality Parade—Sophie Tucker, 7.15, Interview with Miss Jade Snow Wong, Author and Expert on Ceramics, 7.30, Eddie Fisher with Axel Hordahl, Orchestra, 7.45, "The Final Year"—The Story of a Mother's Courage, 7.50, Time Signal and the News, 8.05, Report, Announcements and Interlude, 8.15, Grant and his Guitar, 8.20, Cyprian, 8.25, The Story of an Adventure, 8.30, The Story of the novel, 8.35, Crime Master, by Anthony Trope, 8.40, Monday Concert Hour, 8.45, "Pursue the Stars", 8.50, Orchestral, 9.00, Music by Jeanette Helms and the Symphonies, 9.05, Secret of Santa Vind, Narrated by Clive Brooks, 9.10, Music by Lopez, 9.15, The Story of an Adventure, 9.20, The Story of the novel, 9.25, Crime Master, by Anthony Trope, 9.30, Monday Concert Hour, 9.35, "Pursue the Stars", 9.40, Orchestral, 9.45, Music by Jeanette Helms and the Symphonies, 9.50, Secret of Santa Vind, Narrated by Clive Brooks, 9.55, Music by Lopez, 10.00, The Story of an Adventure, 10.05, The Story of the novel, 10.10, 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